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## **President's Note: Annual May Membership Meeting**

— Michael Leventhal  
*MoyaonePresident@gmail.com*

Given the current health crisis and the Governor's order that we all self-quarantine and avoid public gatherings, the Board of Directors for the Moyaone Association has decided that the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting, scheduled for May 9, 2020, should be held through alternative means. This April/May issue of *Smoke Signals* includes: 1) a copy of the minutes of the December 14, 2019 Membership meeting; and 2) the Nominating Committee's proposed candidate slate for the 2020/2021 Board of Directors positions as well as for one Financial Trustee position. A vote on these items will need to be approved or rejected by the membership. This will take place either through a Survey Monkey that will be emailed to all members within the Moyaone Reserve, or members can use the printed copy of the Survey Monkey on page 6 of this issue of *Smoke Signals* to be marked and mailed back to the Moyaone Association (PO Box 113, Accokeek, MD 20607) by May 9. Should the vote not be a clear majority of the membership on these two items, then the item will be tabled until such time as when the self-quarantine has been lifted and a regular meeting is possible.

Also included in this issue of *Smoke Signals* are a Comptroller report and Committee reports for Roads; the Community Pool; Buildings and Grounds; Membership, and Special Events. There is also news about a new Moyaone Reserve website, and updates on the new septic system at the Wagner Community Center/Community Pool and the status of the proposed National Register nomination for the Moyaone Reserve.

All of this information will be also sent out via email to ensure we have reached all Moyaone Reserve property owners and

residents. Should we miss anyone, my sincere apologies for the oversight. We are attempting to do the best we can under trying circumstances. Until the official "olly, olly, oxen free" declaration is given by Governor Hogan, the Moyaone Association will abide by prudent actions needed to avert the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

A note on voting eligibility on the two items under consideration by the membership: The By-Laws of the Moyaone Association are clear that only full members in good standing are allowed to vote. A full member is one who owns land and lives within the Moyaone Reserve. To be in "good standing" is defined as having paid the membership dues for the current year. As in past years, all property owners with permanent residences on their land [who are deemed full members, in contrast to land-only...] who are paying their dues on a monthly basis have been considered "full members" even though their dues will not be fully paid until year's end.

In past years, when these meetings were held "live" at the Wagner Community Center, some residents paid all or some of their dues the day of the membership meeting, and thereby became "full members" in "good standing" on the day of the meeting. In order to allow this situation to continue, all those residents who want to participate fully in the May 9th voting who have not yet begun to pay their annual membership dues, should contact our comptroller, Paola Addamiano-Carts, and state your intention to begin either monthly payments or to pay in full. Paola can be reached at: [moyaonecomptroller@gmail.com](mailto:moyaonecomptroller@gmail.com) or at Moyaone Association, PO Box 113, Accokeek, MD 20607.

On a secondary, but very important note, the Moyaone Association is certainly mindful of how the current health crisis has created economic challenges for many, including some living in the Moyaone Reserve. For any

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members/residents concerned about their income/expenses, the last thing you should be thinking about is paying Moyaone Association dues. Anyone who needs to adjust their payments to the Moyaone Association can do so by emailing Paola of their intension and promise to resume once their financial normalcy has returned. This situation would also be true for those wanting to begin their dues payments, but unable due to their employment situation in this crisis. Informing the Moyaone Comptroller in confidence allows the Board to better understand and plan its future payments/income.

For those who have already paid their membership dues in full or are continuing with monthly payments, the Board thanks you.

**Comptroller Report.** To date (April 13) 98 families have become 2020 members. Of this number, 80 have paid the full membership dues for a property with a residence; 14 are paying in monthly installments for a property with a residence; and 4 are paying for an unimproved lot. The income from these memberships to date, is \$63,543. In addition, there have been 6 property owners who have paid a total of \$2,125 as contributions in lieu of a full membership. An additional \$9,000 will be raised from the installment payments being made from now to the end of the year. This brings an estimated total for the year at \$75,000. In contrast, the total anticipated membership fee revenue in the approved FY2020 budget was \$102,000.

With the current state of the general economy, it is likely that there will be a significant shortfall in anticipated revenue through the consolidated membership fees. In addition, the income projected (\$22,500) from families/individuals living outside the Moyaone Reserve who want to be paid pool members will also most likely not materialize with the pool closed due to the pandemic. The bottom line is that we must be diligent and frugal in how our finite funds are spent, to ensure that the basic responsibilities of the Association are met. Maintaining the roads, the pool, and other community assets must still be done, but we will do so at a minimal level, thereby saving funds for any emergency that may occur.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Building and Grounds.** Basic maintenance and clean-up continues: the cook shack sink has been connected to a dry-well; the area around the grader is being cleaned up; the sidewalk to the Wagner Community Center will be reinstalled now that the new septic system is completed; grass cutting will resume as needed; exterior lights on the Wagner Center will be installed; and plans are being made to cut down the giant Pin Oak damaged by lightning last year, located near the swing set and playhouse.

**Pool.** It has not been determined when the Moyaone Community Pool will open this season. Nonetheless, as the warmer weather approaches, it is important to get the pool

operational to avoid damage caused by algae growth and chemical imbalance. Towards the end of April, chlorine and algaecide will be added to the pool, the pumps will be turned on, and the water balanced for pH, alkalinity, calcium hardness, etc. The cover will remain on the pool as a protective approach.

The pool season will begin only when/if the Governor and the Prince George's County Health Department has declared that public pools are a safe activity.

**Roads.** The spring grading of all of the Moyaone neighborhoods has been completed. In an effort to conserve funds, there will be only limited gravel road work planned during the summer. The removal of fallen trees across the Moyaone roads, and emergency road repair will be the major focus of activity.

**Welcoming and Membership.** Since the beginning of the year, 3 new families have moved into the Moyaone Reserve. We welcome these new additions, and list them here in order for the rest of us to be able to say hello as we pass them on the roads:

Anna Kaminski and Philip Anderson, 14711 Reserve Road (formerly the Williams home)

Kelly and Bobbie Gheen, 15001 Poplar Hill Road (formerly the James Turner/Anita Stephens home)

Thann and Brooke Bennett, 1245 Old Landing (formerly the Ivey home)

### SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE

**National Register Project.** The proposed Moyaone Reserve Historic District nomination to the National Register of Historic Places has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commissions of both Charles and Prince George's counties, as well as by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT). The next, and final, approval is with the National Register Program at the National Park Service (NPS), US Department of the Interior. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and staff constraints, no new National Register applications are currently being accepted by NPS. Our nomination will be submitted by the MHT later this year.

**Septic System.** The installation of the new septic system (new septic tanks and septic drain field) is now completed. By the end of April the last remaining tasks — leveling the ground and seeding the drain field for grass — will be done. There are protective posts around the new septic field and septic tanks on the east and north sides to eliminate cars from driving/parking on the drain field. Temporary protective posts have gone up on the west and south sides, with more permanent posts to be put in later in the summer. It is hoped that people will avoid walking and playing on the drain field at this time.

**Special Events.** Until there is an announcement by the Governor that public gatherings are once again a safe

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activity, there will be no planned Special Events sponsored by the Moyaone Association.

**New Moyaone Reserve Website.** A new improved and more visually attractive website has been developed for the Moyaone Reserve. Sara Lilly was the lead force in creating the new website. We anticipate that the new website will be up shortly, replacing the current one.

**Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee — comprised of Mary Lee Phelps, Ben Kirkup, and Tina Shotwell — offer the following slate of candidates for the 2020/2021 Board of Directors:

*President:* Rose Kim (1-year position)

*Vice-President:* Gail Dickert (1-year position)

*Secretary:* Lona Powell (2-year position)

*At Large:* Michael Leventhal (1-year position)

*Financial Trustee:* Bill Robertson (3-year position)

Paola Addamiano-Carts has one year remaining on her tenure as Comptroller. The other Financial Trustees — Betsy Binder and Stan Fetter — still have time remaining on their positions. Betsy has 1 year remaining and Stan has 2 years remaining.

The current Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of both Samantha Katz (current Secretary) and Karen Hoagberg (current At-Large) for their service and time on the Board of Directors, as well as to Nancy Weiman for her service as Financial Trustee. Their willingness to undertake this volunteer work is admirable, and deserves the praise of all who live in the Moyaone Reserve. The Board also thanks the Nominating Committee members for their hard work. It takes time, patience, and people skills to recruit people to agree to take on the responsibility of a Board member. Thank you all for your service.

**Audit Report on the Moyaone Association, 2019.** The Financial Trustees are still conducting their audit of the Moyaone Association for 2019. Their report will be emailed to all members on/about May 1, 2020.

## Moyaone Association Budget Meeting Wagner Community Center

2311 Bryan Point Road

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 4:00 pm

### MINUTES

**Call to Order.** The president called the meeting to order.

**Quorum Certification.** A quorum was reached and the meeting commenced.

**President's Welcoming Remarks.** Welcome by the president.

**Introduction and Welcome of New Members.** Dan and Ellie Fishman (Ship's Knee Cypull house); Norman Allen and Gary Penn (Reitmulder house); Hugh and Kristy Huettner (Colonial); Jimmy and Anna Bramblett (Vess Property adjacent to Moyaone Reserve).

### Approval of the May 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes.

There was a motion to approve the minutes. Vivian Mills requested the last sentence in the section Old Business under Cottage be stricken from the minutes. There was a motion to strike the last sentence in the section Old Business — Cottage on page 5 (last sentence). It was seconded and passed. There was a motion to accept the minutes with said changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### Budget Discussion & Proposal

The President went over the 2019/2020 budget. He explained the 2019 budget deficit due to unforeseen costs on the pool (white coat, pump, and electrical) and roads (due to weather) and facilities (septic system replacement). Grant has been requested through the state from the county (PG County) to assist in defraying some of the costs for the septic system. The financial trustees will do an audit for the May, 2020 meeting.

He also explained the projected deficit this year. The projected budget is \$4500 over. However, \$2000 of these are costs lost to PayPal's fee for service. As a community we need to figure out how best to pay this fee. Several members feel that this convenience fee (as most organizations do) should be turned back to the consumer. Members suggested making the PayPal price an adjusted cost (for the convenience of using a credit card to make payments). Other members proposed an alternative to PayPal, like apps (Venmo, Zello) that do not charge.

The discussion then continued to question whether the PayPal fee discussion and rules would apply to pool memberships and fees. Other discussion points included increasing membership fees to the association. This discussion was tabled and the board would research further and make a decision. Anyone who would like to assist with nonpayment can contact Michael to follow up.

The cottage has been sold. Mortgage payments for the cottage of \$2400/yr to be added to the 2020 budget.

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It should be noted that if we add in the cottage payments, can recoup Paypal fees and add a few extra members, the Moyaone Association could no longer face a deficit in 2020 and avoid selling stock.

## Membership Vote on 2020 Budget

A motion was made to adjust the 2020 budget and incorporate the \$2400/yr mortgage payment from cottage into the budget. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. All aye's, no nays. The motion was carried and approved.

A motion was made to approve the budget with the \$2400/yr mortgage payment from cottage incorporated. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. All aye's, no nays. The motion was carried and approved.

A third motion was made to have credit card fee passed on to membership as a convenience charge. There was discussion. Disagreements to the motion included adding the fee would reduce membership payments. Those in agreement suggested trying it on a trial basis, and clearly state that the fee for using Paypal is Paypal's fee for service (like the difference between cash and credit at the gas station.) Due to the inability to come to consensus, the motion was removed.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Roads.** Kent Hibben explained that roads have several components: safety, maintenance, and repair. We do our best to make sure roads are always navigable, but not always double lanes. For winter, please remember not to use salt near the roads. Sand is acceptable. Snow is only removed when snowfall is 3 inches or above. Please do not contact our snow people for driveways and in general please don't talk directly to any road operators. Contact Kent directly. Come spring, the culverts (all that can) will be cleaned out. New for the 2020 budget is potential costs for further marking of trees to preemptively remove trees and Gradall maintenance.

**Public Affairs.** Kent Hibben thanked Sarah Carts for her services (she had moved out of the Moyaone). He will serve as chair until a new chair is found. Holly Wagner will be a co-chair to assist Kent. Kent urged people to participate with our partner organizations. Kent also has books about the Moyaone available for sale.

**Pool.** Rhonda Hanson spoke about the 2019 pool year. Membership was up from last year with 55 outside members. This is up from last year. So keep recruiting. She also reiterated the need to service or replace the chlorination system for the pool.

**Saltwater Option.** A committee headed by Ron Pollack shared their results on converting the pool to saltwater. Per their research, much of the perceived benefits (most notably the reduction in chlorine), are not there. Ron suggests we do not go forward with the idea.

**Building & Grounds.** John Hollyfield spoke about the tree

work to remove the willow oak and tree limbs from around the playground area. Additional money was spent on work for the roads, picnic grounds, and community areas.

**Welcome & Membership.** Sara Lilly reported that since June 2019, the community has welcomed 11 new resident households. New residents in attendance were recognized. Among the 11 new resident households:

- Nine of the 11 households responded to our outreach; two are unresponsive at the moment.
- Seven of the 11 are current association members, and have expressed interest in rejoining in calendar year 2020.
- One of the 11 households has already been actively involved by volunteering time to help keep our park and roads safe and clean.
- Some of the 11 have understandably asked for space and time to adjust to their new lives in the Moyaone before discussing association membership, and the committee is sensitive to such requests.

Sara thanked Sheryl Romeo and other neighbors who have been helpful in notifying her when properties change hands.

## Special Report: New Moyaone Website

Sara has been working diligently on bringing a fresh, new look and information to the community's public-facing website: Moyaone.org. The existing site has served the community well for 14 years, but is in need of an update.

The new site is 85% complete in terms of structure and design. Content and content review for some pages, and someone who can create fillable PDF forms for us is still needed. The new site is intended to not only serve existing residents, but new and prospective residents as well. Much of the new member information will all be accessible online. No new updates are being made to the old site anymore. If anyone has updates for the new site, or is willing and has time to help with content collection, content review, and creating fillable forms, PLEASE contact Sara ASAP.

Sara thanked Jon Rietmulder and Paul Livingston for their background information and support in advancing this new website project forward.

## Special Report: National Register Project

Rita Bergman just yesterday received the final draft. The draft is circulating to the board and sponsors. It looks at the history of the Moyaone, both historical and architectural. Ms. Bergman stressed that there are no constraints on any individual property and that this is a registry of the Moyaone as a historic place. If individuals want to register their own individual houses they can submit their own request.

Next step is the Saturday January 25 meeting with coffee hour. There will be coffee at 9:30 followed by a 10:30 slide presentation by Robinson and Associates.

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We would need more than 51% of the landowners/association members to object to the National Registry project for it not to go forward. The last step is submission of the final application. Grants covered all consultant costs. The only remaining costs are the plaque and mailing (to announce) meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Communication Report.** Stan Fetter spoke on behalf of the committee tasked with coming up with an alternative local social forum, as a new tool similar to the current NextDoor Moyaone service, yet more private/less prone to advertisements. After much research, the committee suggests we move to a private email server, Mail-List.com. This will allow to set parameters, separate out lists for the pool and other association needs, as well as pulling out specific neighborhoods. Stan will work with the board to move this forward and will report back at the May meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Royal Farms

There is a special exception hearing on the right of way appeal and special zoning exception for the proposed Royal Farm on the corner of 210 and Livingston road in Accokeek at 9 am Dec. 17–18, 2019 at the Prince George’s County Administration Building. The property is not zoned for a 24-hr gas station and convenience store of that size. There is strong concern about the increase of traffic, additional gas installation tank installation, and the effects potential loitering/crime of a 24-hour establishment in Accokeek.

A motion was made for the president, or his representative, to speak on behalf of the Moyaone Association at the meeting and take a position of opposition to the special exemption on the right of way.

Some members opposed the motion based on the fact that there are gas tanks already there and that Royal Farm can potentially improve the failures of the intersection. Additionally, the installation of the royal farms may improve the downstream effects.

While there was much discussion, a decision to vote was made noting that individuals can still vote for themselves at the special zoning meeting 17 and 18 Dec. at 9 am.

Again a motion was made for the president, or his representative, to speak on behalf of the Moyaone Association at the meeting and take a position of opposition to the granting of the special exception of royal farms at the intersection of Livingston road and 210. A vote was taken. 35 yeas. 6 nays. Yeas had it. The motion was carried and

approved.

**Charles County Scenic Easement Tax Credit.** The president is working with Charles County to allow the 1969 Maryland tax credit for scenic easement. Prince George’s County homeowners receive a tax credit. Charles County residents currently don’t. Currently, 42 of the county’s scenic easements are in the Moyaone Reserve. The president is trying to speak with the Charles county commission and Mike Miller’s office is supportive. The president will report back at the May meeting.

**Announcements.** The Accokeek Artist Alliance (AAA) membership encouraged people to attend the Arts Festival at the Wagner Center from January 10 to January 31 on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 4:30 to 7 pm.

**Adjournment.** The motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

**Moyaone Homes Tour  
is rescheduled for next year  
New Date:  
Saturday, April 24, 2021**

## Moyaone Association Board of Directors

*President* — Michael Leventhal  
MoyaonePresident@gmail.com

*Vice President* — Rose Kim  
MoyaoneVice President@gmail.com

*Secretary* — Samantha Katz  
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*Comptroller* — Paola Carts  
MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com

*Director-at-Large* — Karen Hoagberg  
MoyaoneDirectorAtLarge@gmail.com

# SURVEY for 2020 Moyaone Association Annual Meeting

To ensure safety of our Members, the Board of Directors decided not to hold the May Membership meeting as a live gathering. However, two business items scheduled for that meeting must still be acted on. This survey will allow you to vote on/approve the minutes from the December 14, 2019 membership meeting (see minutes beginning on page 3 of this issue) as well as the slate of candidates for the Moyaone Association during 2020/2021. Please note that there is only **ONE VOTE** per household and the survey will be closed at 11:59 pm, on May 9, 2020. Please complete this survey before that time. You may either respond to the emailed Survey Monkey that will be sent, **OR** cut out this page, fill it in, and mail it to: Moyaone Association, PO Box 113, Accokeek, MD 20607. Thank you in advance for your time!

## 1. PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you approve the Minutes of the December 2019 Moyaone Association Meeting? (See Minutes beginning on page 3 of this issue of *Smoke Signals*.)

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:    Yes        No**

If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you approve of the following slate of candidates for the 2020/2021 Board of Directors for the Moyaone Association, as well as the financial trustee position?

- Rose Kim, President (this is a 1-year position)
- Gail Dickert, Vice President (this is a 1-year position)
- Paola Addamiano-Carts, Comptroller (ompleting year 2 of a 2 year)
- Lona Powell, Secretary (this is a 2-year position)
- Michael Leventhal, Member-At-Large (this is a 1-year position)
- Bill Richardson, Financial Trustee (this is a 3-year position)

**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:    Yes        No**

If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for participating in this Annual Meeting, via this survey.

## FY2020 Consolidated Fee Payments

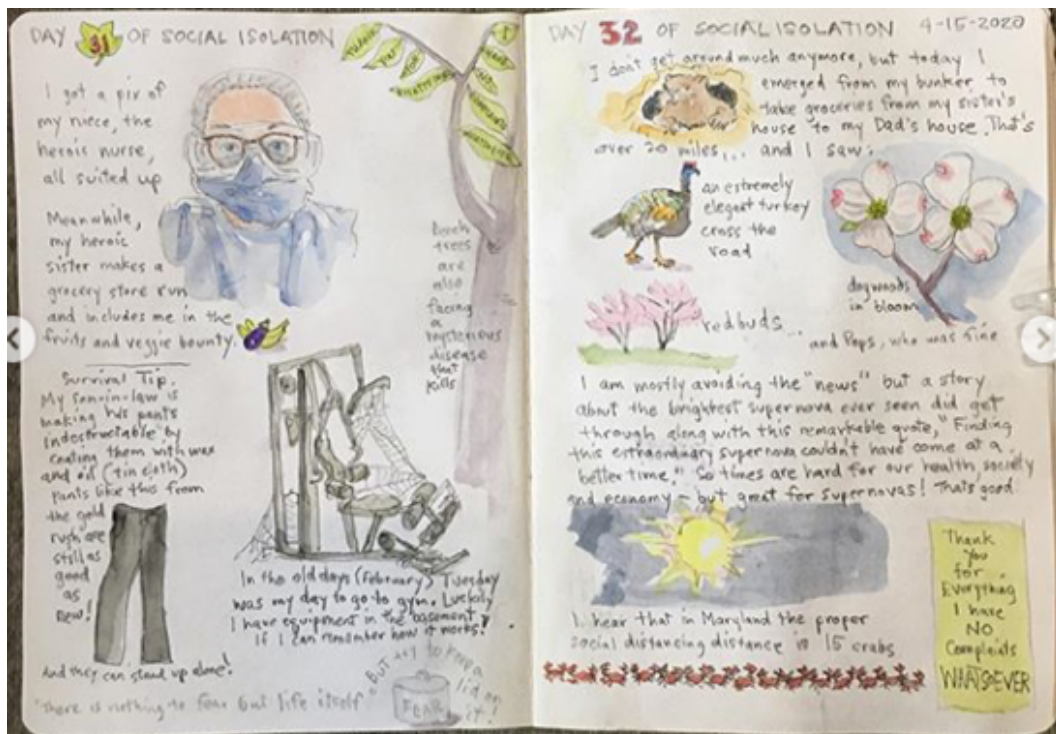
The following list is a record of all property owners who had paid consolidated fees in full or who have initiated installment payments as of April 16, 2020. The comptroller is checking the Moyaone PO Box every Monday, so if you sent checks in recently, your name might not appear. Also, although they are not cited specifically, a number of property owners have made contributions, either in excess of the fees or in lieu of them. Thank you to all — you help the Moyaone Association maintain roads and other community assets. If you have any concerns, please contact the comptroller, Paola Addamiano-Carts,

Abernethy, Tom/Debbie  
Aills, Bonnie/Chris  
Allen, Gary/Candace  
Allen, Norman/Penn, Gary  
Anderson, Philip/Kaminski, Annaka  
Barrera, Josue/Gloria  
Bednar, Ed/Judy  
Bennett, Nathanael/Brooke  
Bramblett, Himmyl  
Bruce, John/West, Dale  
Brueggeman, John  
Buckley, Carolyn/McChesney, Lloyd  
Burke, Kevin  
Canavan, Kelly  
Carts, Martin/Addamiano-Carts, Paola  
Clay, Thomas/O'Day, Kathleen  
Cohn, Michael/Witkin, Linda  
Collin, Rick/Wheeler, Richard  
Cook-Deegan, Robert/Kathryn  
DeLeon, Frank/Amity  
Dickert, Gail/Seltzer, Yanina  
Diehlman, Shirley  
Evans, Jon/Alexandra

Fishman, Daniel  
Fremont, Nan/Bergman, Rita  
Garcia, Tom/Crystal  
Gaumont, Charles/Ruth  
George, Cliff  
Gillespie, Laura  
Gillespie, Robert/Charlotte  
Gladson, Judy  
Gorsuch, Linda/Jackson, John  
Gruwell, Robert/Milena  
Hall, Wendy  
Hanson, Rhonda  
Hartwig, Kristen/Palermo, Mark  
Hattaway, Doug  
Hibben, Kent/Cibelli, Kristen  
Hollyfield, John/Lynn  
Huettner, Hugh/Kristy  
Jolly, Craig/Lucinda  
Jones, Sue  
Kagle, Sigrid  
Karimi, Mina/Melham, Tim  
Katz, Daniel/Samantha  
Keim, Lori  
Kim, Steve/Rose  
Kirkup, Ben/Karen  
Kline, Warren  
Kucab, Jamie/Christine  
Leventhal, Michael/Allen-Leventhal, Judy  
Lilly, Sara  
Linde, Bev  
Livingston, Eric/Sylvia  
Livingston, Paul/Barb  
Luedtke, Ed/Nagy, Rita  
Mazariegos, Franco/Shawwna  
McCleve, Morgan  
McVinney, Paul/Elaine  
Miles, Karen  
Mitchell, John/Betty

Mullins, Adam/Katrina  
Murray, Meredith/Hodavance, Warren  
Naar, Alex/Heys, Karen  
Nelson, Phyllis/Donald  
Nicholson, Peter/Elizabeth  
Norman, Jane/Jett, Paul  
Osborn, Roger  
Parker, Bill/Janet  
Perrizo, Jerry/Mary Jo  
Peters, Larry/Gwen  
Phelps, Harold/Mary Lee  
Piptone, Frank/Truett, Amanda  
Plesniak, Michael/Hoagberg, Karen  
Pollack, Ron/Becky  
Powell, Leo/Kay  
Ramundo, Michael/Stansbury, Lucretia  
Reichard, David/Peggy  
Romeo, Sheryl/Schwaller, Matt  
Root, Robert  
Russell, Phillip/Hsin-I  
Saylor, Bo  
Scott, Bill/Rhonda  
Silhol, Karen/Bell, Matt  
Spalding, Larry & Hanyoung  
Spute, Mike/Kee, Dana  
Strass, Peter/Erica  
Straus, Susan/Eric  
Tesi, Chris/Kathy  
Thompson, Jim  
Tinsley, James/Vogenitz, Wendy  
Townsend, David/Le Etta  
Turner, Steven/Ikuko  
Watts, Eileen  
Welch, Cedric  
Wilk, Sylvia  
Williams, Lois Anne  
Wise, Daniel/Wickman, James





## Art in the Time of Covid-19

The Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) is still accepting applications with fees prorated for time of year. You can email us at [accookeekartistsalliance@gmail.com](mailto:accookeekartistsalliance@gmail.com) to request an application form. The AAA Steering Committee is taking a cue from the musicians in the area and discussing having Zoom sessions to feature our talented artist members.

We have an Instagram page which can be accessed even if you don't have an Instagram account: [https://www.instagram.com/accookeek\\_artists\\_alliance](https://www.instagram.com/accookeek_artists_alliance). Just take a gander at the attached poignant and funny entry from Lona Powell's Quarantine Journal (*above*). She's one of the AAA members regularly posting on Instagram.



## Postponement of April Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA) Meeting

Due to Covid-19/Coronavirus, the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, and Governor Larry Hogan's request that group meetings be cancelled, for everyone's health and safety, we are postponing the Greater Accokeek Civic Association's Regular Annual Membership Meeting in April (scheduled for April 29). An email will be sent once the new date has been rescheduled. We are sorry for this inconvenience. Please be safe.

## Covid-19 Alerts and Assistance

Evolving Information on the Covid-19 pandemic <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>, and where to find also economic assistance <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>, and also local information on food banks, medical help, and other guidance for your consideration is being shared by the offices of US Senator Chris Van Hollen; US Congressman Steny Hoyer; Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, and Prince George's County Councilman (District 9) Sydney Harrison. Many of their emails are being sent out through the Greater Accokeek Civic Association by Philip Van Wiltenburg, and also through Kent Hibben's Moyaone Public Affairs Bulletins. To be included on any/all of these bcc: emails, please feel free to reach out to:

Senator Van Hollen:  
[updates@vanhollen.senate.gov](mailto:updates@vanhollen.senate.gov)  
<https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/coronavirus>

Congressman Hoyer:  
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<https://hoyer.house.gov/content/protecting-yourself-coronavirus>

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## Bring Hard Bargain Farm to Your Home

With schools closed, our team at Alice Ferguson Foundation has been working on taking the activities we do with kids here at the farm and bringing them to you through free videos and downloadable packets. See how easy it is to do outdoors with your family, kids, or friends! Find all our videos and activities on Youtube and at [fergusonfoundation.org](http://fergusonfoundation.org)

- [Discover Nature with DIY Binoculars](#) — All you need is two toilet paper (or tissue) rolls, curiosity and a lot of imagination. This is a great activity to do with the kids of any age. It's to investigate the world and become a scientist for a day. [Video](#) | [Downloadable Lesson](#) | [Observation Worksheet](#)
- [Is your Stream Clean?](#) — Did you know that the bottom of a stream teems with life? Use this activity to find the macroinvertebrates that hang out in the water...and discover what they tell us about the health of a stream. [Video](#) | [Downloadable Lesson](#)
- [Frogs and Toads](#) — Do you know the difference? Join Kayla on her adventure into the wetlands as she investigates frog eggs and looks for some amphibians. Will she find any?
- [What's in your backyard?](#) — Join Emily as she investigates the wildflowers hiding in her yard. Learn why dandelions are super cool and see if you too can find a "devouring purple monster" right outside your home.

### From the Farm

- [Cow Milking](#) — Our gates may be closed but our farm team is hard at work making sure our farm friends are well taken care of. In this video, we join Ms. Eileen as she milks dairy cows Annie and Opal!
- [Where Does Milk Go?](#) — In the previous video, we learned where our milk comes from. Join Ms. Eileen and Zeke today as they explore the different products that can be made from milk. Enjoy!
- [Seed Starting](#) — Zeke is back for another adventure on the farm. Today he joins Mr. Bill to learn some tips for growing your own plants.

Follow us on Youtube, Facebook or Instagram for more videos.

### Summer Adventure Camp

Love Hard Bargain Farm? Sign your kid up for a spot at this year's Summer Camp. Choose from six one-week-long overnight camps, full of activities like canoeing, archery, science, nature hikes, and evenings around a roaring campfire. Open to ALL young explorers going into 4th through 8th grade.

We know that COVID-19 makes scheduling for the summer hard. So we changed our camp refund policy: If school schedules change or social distancing remains in effect into the June and July months, we now offer a full refund. You can also switch to a different week if there are spots available. [Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

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## Accokeek Foundation Sends Greetings to the Moyaone

Hello Moyaone family! Community, whether virtual or physical, is especially important at times like these, so I wanted to reach out with an update. As you all likely know, the Accokeek Foundation gate remains open, so visitors can walk the trails and get some fresh air while practicing social distancing. If you do visit, please spread out and enjoy all of the park's trails and acreage. Remember that we all need to do our part to protect one another. Be prepared for the fact that buildings and restrooms are closed, and programs are canceled or moved to virtual delivery.

All of our staff are working, but during the stay-at-home order only essential staff are onsite taking care of minimal operations like park stewardship and animal care. Most staff are working remotely to develop and deliver online content so that we can continue to serve the public during this time.

We're updating our website with news about status of the park ([www.accokeekfoundation.org/covid19](http://www.accokeekfoundation.org/covid19)). Our social media channels (Facebook primarily) are the best ways to access online content that we're developing and to engage with us virtually.

I miss being at the farm with the staff and with you! The staff and board are grateful for those of you who have reached out to check on us, to connect online, and to support our continued work. Special thanks to all who have kept in touch about your visits, cute photos and observations about the animals, warnings about trees down and storm impacts, etc. We're blessed to have you as neighbors and glad we can be here for each other, in times of celebration and times of challenge.

Please let me know if you have questions or ideas about how we can help to meet needs in the community right now. You can reach me at [lford@accokeek.org](mailto:lford@accokeek.org) or by calling 301-283-2113, ext. 24.

Stay healthy and hopeful,

Laura

*Laura Ford*

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## **Robert Schaeffer Gillespie, Jr.**

*March 6, 1937 — April 6, 2020*

The Gillespie family is sad to announce that Bob Gillespie, of Accokeek, MD, passed away on April 6, 2020 after a brief illness.

Born in Toronto, Canada, he moved 2 years later to the Philadelphia, PA, area. Bob graduated from Temple University in 1959 with a BS in Business Administration, and with an MDiv from General Theological Seminary in 1962. He began his ministry as curate at St. Luke's Church, Germantown, PA, and in 1968, moved with his wife, Charlotte, and their 18-month-old daughter to Accokeek, MD. He was rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Accokeek, and vicar of St. John's, Pomonkey, from 1968 to 1978. Bob was also vicar of St. James Chapel in Bowie, MD, from 1989 until his retirement from full-time parish work in 2002. He also served as priest-in-charge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hebron, on Maryland's Eastern Shore; at All Faith Church in Charlotte Hall, MD; and at Christ Church, Wayside, in Newburg, MD. In addition to active supply and hospice work, he also served as one of the volunteer clergy at St. Paul's, K Street, and was a chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for many years throughout the 1980s and early 90s.

Bob enjoyed classical music, baseball, and spending time with his friends and family. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; his two children, Laura and Jon; two grandchildren, Gwyneth and Aaron; his sisters, Caroline Gillespie and Elaine Lewis; and his niece, Shana Lewis.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Paul's, K Street, Washington, DC, once virus restrictions are lifted. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Paul's, or a donation in Bob's name to the charity of your choice.

— *The Gillespie Family*

