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A Note from the New President of the Moyaone Association

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Election Results

Friends and neighbors, thank you for electing me to serve as the next Moyaone Community President. I will do my best to warrant your votes of confidence. I would also like to welcome the 2020–2021 Moyaone Board, Chairs, and Financial Trustees:

Gail Dickert — Vice President (1-year term)
Paola Carts — Comptroller (year 2 of 2-year term)
Lona Powell — Secretary (year 1 of 2-year term)
Michael Leventhal — At-Large (1-year term)

Rhonda Hanson — Pool Chair
Kent Hibben — Roads Chair
Holly Wagner and Kent Hibben — Public Affairs Co-Chairs
John Hollyfield — Building & Grounds Chair
Sara Lilly — Membership Chair

Betsy Binder — Financial Trustee Chair (year 3 of 3)
Stan Fetter — Financial Trustee (year 2 of 3)
William Robertson — Financial Trustee (year 1 of 3)

During my past two years on the Moyaone board, I've seen processes implemented to better manage community operations. My goal as President is very simple — don't mess up the good that's been done, and look for areas of improvement during the next year that will help future boards be successful and limit frustrations.

Pool Status

The subject of the pool opening is on many minds. The community pool will open when legally allowed by the State

of Maryland and an inspection is done by the Prince George's County Health Department. One of the resources your Moyaone Board will use to estimate an opening date will be Governor Hogan's Roadmap to Recovery:

https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MD_Strong.pdf

Additionally, a neighborhood task force was created to make safety recommendations and develop best practices to help long-time pool manager and resident Rhonda Hanson safely manage the facility. The task force representatives are Gail Dickert, Rhonda Hanson, Tina Shotwell, and Nancy Weiman. All have professional expertise in health and recreational facilities safety. They are working together to develop guidelines using recommendations from the CDC, American Red Cross, and other respected health organizations. A special thanks to Rhonda for keeping the pool water clean and chemically balanced so that when we do have approval, the pool will be sparkling and ready to go!

A Tip of the Hat to Outgoing Moyaone President Michael Leventhal

Newer residents may not be aware of this, but this was Michael Leventhal's second and third trip around the dance floor; he served as Moyaone President in 2007. Michael and his wife, GACA President Judy Allen-Leventhal, are the embodiment of civic-minded homeowners, and we Moyaoners are fortunate to have such caring neighbors who are willing to serve, make the hard decisions, and field the tough questions.

Michael Leventhal has left very big shoes to fill. He has been an outstanding Moyaone President these past two years. Whether under his direct leadership, or tireless

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work behind the scenes, many important projects/initiatives that directly impact the long-term well-being of your community have been successfully managed during his tenure. Projects include, but are not limited to: the successful fight against the compressor station, assisting neighbors with project grant applications, endless trips to PG government offices regarding the new Wagner Center septic system and the cottage sale, trips to both PG and Charles County tax offices regarding easement tax credits and of course his leadership at Board Meetings (also known as herding cats). Thank you Michael, we're all glad you will continue to serve At-Large, you keep us on our toes!

I also want to thank Samantha Katz and Karen Hoagberg, who served with dedication as Secretary and At-Large, respectively, on the Board of Directors, as well as Nancy Weiman for her service as Financial Trustee. Many thanks to all.

Respond to the 2020 Census

In March, homes across the country received invitations to complete the 2020 Census. It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker. It's quick and easy. The 2020 Census questionnaire takes about 10 minutes to complete, and is secure and confidential.

What is the 2020 Census? The goal of the census is to count every person living in the United States, once, only once and in the right place. Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates that this population and housing count occur every 10 years. Census data guide how more than \$675 billion of federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.

Be Counted

Your response is important; it helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services. Accokeek residents are too often under-represented (this was reported at one of the recent Prince George's County virtual meetings).

Also, results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

Getting Started

You must complete your questionnaire once you begin. If you leave the questionnaire and return later, you will have to start over.

Do not use the web browser buttons (back, forward, or close browser). Use the buttons within the questionnaire to navigate.

For best results, use the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, or Safari. Enable cookies.

For complete information, see the government website: <https://my2020census.gov>



Steven Turner will lecture this Sunday via Zoom for AAA members.

Artists Alliance Event This Sunday

— Peggy Reichard



We have an exceptional Zoom Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) program on tap for this Sunday, May 31, at 3:00. You can join the AAA now and have access to this event and many more to come. Simply request a membership form at accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com. Mail your completed form with your 50% off (!) pro-rated membership fee for 2020 to the address provided on the form. Depending on your category of membership, your reduced fee will range somewhere between \$7.50 for supporting individual member to \$25.00 for family artist members.

Here's what all AAA members will enjoy via Zoom on Sunday: Steven Turner will entertain and educate us with his presentation, "The Chemical Blowpipe." Steve is an expert on historic scientific experimentation during James Smithson's time, 1765–1829. He has recently completed a book about Smithson who was, as you probably all know, the founder of the Smithsonian Institution.

We'll also continue with the highly popular "show and tell" tradition we've established from our previous in-house gatherings. Members will have five-minute time slots to present current art projects. Hope to see you this Sunday.

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Local Baker and Farmers Offer Food to the Moyaone Community

Glory Fields

What started as an experiment has turned into a full-fledged Apple Valley (ad)venture. The original thinking was to grow fruit and veggies we like to eat, and if there was some left over, we would share it with others. After a summer of endless tomatoes, tomatillos, peppers, jalapeños, and more, we've decided to share



the love. We invite you to stop by and look around. From handmade crafts, to flowers, herbs and veggies, our handiwork, as imperfect as it may be, is on display.

We decided to nurture our interests in food, art, creativity, identity, and culture and bring them together into a startup that is part creative space, part local food haven. Our goal is to focus on positive stewardship of the land using natural and sustainable practices and let creation inspire our handiwork. We share our story with all who might listen. Come to grow and bloom with us at Glory Fields.

As long as the weather allows, we have curly kale, scarlet kale, lacinato kale, cilantro, mustard greens, arugula, and sorrel. We have limited supplies of rue, rosemary, and oregano plants.

For a full list of what is available check out our website <https://haciendabarrera.com/gloryfields/>. Since we are following practicing social distancing we highly encourage preorders. For pricing, availability, or to preorder, email us at gloryfields@haciendabarrera.com.



Plane in Hand Farm

Hello from Plane in Hand Farm on Old Marshall Hall Road! It will be a little while yet before we have a second round of produce to offer, but if you'd like to be on our mailing list so that we can alert you when we've got new plants and fresh vegetables and herbs, please drop us a line at: planesawdust@hotmail.com.



Tim the Baker

I'm Tim Park, a baker, living in Accokeek; during the current pandemic I would like to offer some treats for your family.

To bring some peace to families in need from COVID-19, \$2 of your purchase will go towards some sweets for them.

My offerings (can be vegan/gluten-free) include: pecan bars, mile-high chocolate pie (chocolate mousse filling), key lime pie, chocolate chip cookies, brownies, lemon bars, banana bread (with or without nuts), and cupcakes — chocolate and yellow (icing chocolate or vanilla), Italian cream and carrot (icing cream cheese).

A free contact-free delivery will be made on the day that you request. Please send your order to me, timmy@bakepeace.com, along with your address and phone number. We're all in this together.



Moose Manor Farms

Dana and Mike at Moose Manor Farms on Old Marshall Hall Rd. host a small marketplace on the 3rd Sunday of each month April–September where you can purchase the following hand-raised heritage fare seasonally for your table: chicken, duck, goose, turkey, pork, lamb, and, of course, eggs by the dozen. Subscribe to our monthly newsletter to be notified of our most current availability.

Ready for your table now: our duck or chicken eggs, whole roaster chickens, whole duck, and lamb by the cut.

On the hoof: Sheep are ready now for you to take your your butcher. Lambs are ready now to grow out on your pasture. Turkeys will be ready in July for you to grow out on your pasture. Ducklings and chicks available throughout the spring and summer.

All products can be reserved for pick-up on our website at MooseManorFarms.com



Charles County Youth Orchestra Gives a Pandemic Performance

—by Lydia Kivrak

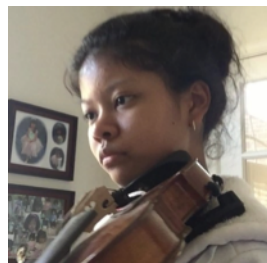
The wide-reaching effects of the COVID-19 pandemic did not prevent the members of the Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO) from preparing a brief, socially-distanced segment of their cancelled spring 2020 concert. The CCYO is directed by Osman Kivrak, with Encore Band, Takako Mato, Director; Encore Strings, Krisztina Der, Director; and Prelude Strings, Laura Ellison, Director.

Listen to Ludwig von Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" from *Symphony No. 9* at the CCYO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/142487455794668/videos/2079121952217949>

As soon as their May 17th concert was cancelled, the orchestra began to hold weekly online meetings where the students were coached on their parts and performed solo pieces for each other to keep morale high. These meetings have been popular among the students: according to CCYO violinist Blythe, "The virtual masterclasses ... are absolutely amazing. Not only are they a way to connect during a time when connection is difficult, but we are able to hear our peers perform ... and receive feedback."

Each of the 50 performers learned, practiced, and video-recorded their part of "Ode to Joy," and sent their recordings to their directors. The directors also provided individual coachings to ensure that the recordings would be in time with each other. The process proved challenging, as playing an instrument is a difficult endeavor even when the orchestra is gathered together.

According to Evangeline (pictured at right), winner of CCYO's inaugural concerto competition earlier this year, playing her violin is "one of the hardest things a person can do ... You are improving your memory, your sense of abstract reasoning, your muscle memory, your focus, your discipline and as you choose to better yourself and put time and effort into your music, you make yourself a better and



more determined person. Learning a musical instrument is more than a difficult task, it teaches you things that improve every area of your life."

Due to the popularity of this project among the students, more complex online orchestral performances will follow. Music for an Independence Day concert in July is currently being prepared with a patriotic program.

Additionally, the talented CCYO students have been presenting virtual chamber music performances since late April, and this series will continue throughout the summer on the CCYO Facebook page. CCYO violist Owen says that the virtual meetings and chamber music performance opportunities have "helped me and my brother learn more duets and play in front of an audience."

Being able to play music together has been so important for the students during the pandemic. For Blythe, music is a source of comfort: "Music constantly gets me through the day and is a source of inspiration and expression. Music is how I relate to myself to the world and how I connect with others." For violinist Haley, music is a "life tool" which she uses to "think of the future, reflect on the past, and add color to my world when life gets dreary. I use it to motivate myself; I use it to be brought into a different era, a different place, a different perspective. Music gives me an advantage in life, and I don't see



myself being nearly as happy without it." Baritone horn player Isaiiah (pictured at left) says "music is one of the most important things ... life would be so boring without the gift of music." Cellist Autumn loves being in orchestra because of "the opportunity to make beautiful music with my peers who love music just as much as I do."

The CCYO is one of the largest youth organizations in Southern Maryland providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians in Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties.

CCYO serves more than 100 students total each year and our organization consists of four ensembles: Prelude Strings, Encore Strings, Encore Band, and the CCYO.

For more information, contact Dr. Osman Kivrak, Director, Charles County Youth Orchestra with Encore Band, Encore Strings, and Prelude Strings (tel. 301 375-7109; email: charlescountyyouthorchestra.org).

The CCYO is sponsored in part by grants from the Charles County Arts Alliance, the Maryland State Arts Council, the Rotary Club of La Plata, MD and the Knights of Columbus of Accokeek, MD. Other major contributors include Potters Violins, Gales Violin Shop, Bullock's Piano Salon East, and the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center of La Plata.

Bringing Nature Home through AFF's Summer Adventure Camp



— *Tori Avvenire*
AFF Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Due to the impact of COVID-19, we at the Alice Ferguson Foundation have cancelled our residential Summer Adventure Camp at Hard Bargain Farm. But ... GET EXCITED because we are bringing nature home to you instead! Join us for this ONLINE camp-like experience full of interactive, hands-on activities and live sessions led by our educators to deliver the fun and camaraderie of a summer camp. Each session is \$75 per household. The activities are geared towards children ages 5 to 11, but are open to nature explorers of all ages.

[Learn More & Save Your Spot](#)

Just because schools are closed, doesn't mean learning stops. Our team 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. It's to do outdoors with your family, kids, or friends! You can find all our videos and activities on YouTube and at fergusonfoundation.org. Check out some of our latest videos:

Whoa! It's a Frankenfish! Did you know that what a fish looks like can tell you a lot about how that fish lives its life? Join Kayla to make your own unique fish creature. [Video](#) | [Activity](#) | [Guiding Questions](#)

Make your own rain stick. In this video, we're using recyclable materials found around the home to make our own DIY rain stick. Join us and follow along as we show you how: [Video](#)

Ever wonder how trash gets in the river? Join our trash team to unravel this mystery and find out how long the things we throw away stick around. [Video](#) | [Worksheet](#) | [Answer Key](#).

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Real Estate Comings and Goings

— *Sheryl Romeo*
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Matt Hill, Liz Cooney and their incredibly adorable son, Noah, have sold their house on Steamboat Landing to return to Oregon. Micheal and Nora Nelson are the new happy owners and Moyaone's newest neighbors.

Accokeek Foundation Brings Updates from Piscataway Park

— *Casey Lowe Harlow, Marketing Manager*
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Hi Neighbors! The National Colonial Farm section of Piscataway Park remains open to visitors. The Accokeek Creek site is closed, but the boardwalk can be accessed via the [Accokeek Connector trail](#) which begins at the National Colonial Farm. The Foundation is following the guidance of Prince George's County leadership in continuing to keep the office, Visitor Center, and Education Building closed, with most staff members working remotely. As the county moves towards re-opening, we'll keep you updated on our website and social media pages: <https://accokeekfoundation.org/covid19/>.

We're rolling out a series of [self-guided adventures](#) to help you explore the park. If you're anything like us, you may have found solace these past few months in nature and the outdoors. While staying home and staying safe, we've missed a lot of things—visiting with family and friends, attending our favorite events, patronizing some of our favorite local businesses. But, in missing those things, we've embraced the opportunity to spend more time observing and learning from the natural world. We've tended our gardens, hiked quiet trails, watched bluebirds build their nests, foraged for wild edibles, and built nature-inspired fairy homes.

Since we can't share Piscataway Park with you in the ways that we normally would (nature hikes, workshops, volunteer events, guided tours), we've come up with some ways that you can enjoy the peace and beauty of nature while still keeping yourself and your family safe.

These self-guided adventures are designed for Piscataway Park, but many can be done in your own neighborhood. They offer new ways to explore the landscape and culture of the area so that you can continue to connect and learn during this difficult time.

Each activity is just \$5; funds we receive will help support essential park staff who are working hard to keep the park open, accessible, and safe for the community, as well as caring for our animals and tending the historic gardens.

When visiting the park, please remember that we share a responsibility to care for the landscape and for each other.

- Leave No Trace! Remember to take trash out of the park with you or dispose of it properly in the provided trash cans.
- Stay on the trails so as not to disturb the wildlife that thrives off the trail.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from other park visitors.
- Keep group sizes smaller than 10 people.
- Bring your mask for areas of the park that are more highly visited—fishing pier, visitor center parking lot, and for when you encounter other visitors on the trail.
- Stay home if you aren't feeling well or haven't been feeling well prior to your visit.
- Plan ahead—[download trail maps](#) or [park activities online](#) and keep in mind that the Visitor Center restrooms are currently closed.