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President's Note: Pool Opens; Leadership Changes

— Rose Kim
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Much of the community spent the month of June anxiously awaiting word of the pool opening. After much hard work to get the facility ready for inspection, including a very detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) application that was required by the Prince George's County Health Department, the pool and the new septic system were inspected and both passed with flying colors. The pool opened to members on June 20.

A big thank you to Rhonda Hanson, our neighbor and pool manager, for organizing cleaning parties, cover removals and creating the strong SOP that was presented to the County in order to secure the inspection. Our community is fortunate to have such a caring and passionate pool manager in Rhonda.

It truly took a village to get the pool ready for opening this year. Because of the many new rules developed for COVID prevention, a special COVID Task Force team of volunteers came together and created the guidelines and rules for the pool this summer. A very special thank you to volunteers Gail Dickert, Tina Shotwell, Rhonda Hanson, and Nancy Weiman for working together and bringing their professional expertise to the table to create the COVID guidelines.

Change in the Air

We have two fantastic volunteers who are cycling out from their current Committee Chair positions: Sara Lilly, Membership and Kent L. Hibben, Roads. Please join me in thanking Sara and Kent for their time, patience, and dedication to the Moyaone Reserve community.

Sara Lilly, who is moving out of the area, has been a terrific Membership Chair. She also created the beautiful

new Moyaone website (moyaone.org), and started the group Moyaone Modern. We will miss her caring, thoughtful, and talented presence in our community. Please join me in wishing her all the best.

Please welcome Crystal Garcia as the new Moyaone Membership Chair. If you have a new neighbor, please contact Crystal at moyaonemember@gmail.com to let her know. Crystal, her husband, Tom, and their four children live in the Poplar Hill section of the Moyaone Reserve.

A big Gradall-sized thanks to Kent L. Hibben, who has been an outstanding Roads Chair for the past three years. Those in-the-know, know he wears many other hats too! Kent currently rotated off of Roads Chair duties, but remains the Public Relations Co-Chair, assists with *Smoke Signals*, and serves as a Moyaone Association liaison to the Accokeek Foundation, Alice Ferguson Foundation, and other local partners and service providers (such as our Prince George's County COPS Officer).

Stan Fetter has taken over as Roads Chair; however, he is not new to this job, having served in that role before,

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President's Column

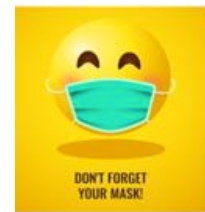
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volunteering his expertise, as have Judy Gladson, Phil Jones, and others, over many years. We can trust in Stan to again head the Roads Committee to keep our gravel road network safe and navigable. He and his wife, Patrice, and their son Theo live in the Auburn section of the Moyaone Reserve. If you have a roads questions or concern, please contact Stan at stan@fetter.net.

Gary Penn will take over as Moyaone webmaster. Gary and his spouse, Norman Allen, and their son, Isaac, are neighbors in the Auburn section of the community. If you have website questions or see a change that needs to be made/updated, please contact Gary at GaryRpenn@yahoo.com.

Wear the Mask!

I live on West Auburn Road. Of my immediate neighbors there are (3) that I know of who are cancer survivors; (5) who are elderly; (1) with a compromised immune system. These are just the folks on my road, which is one of the shorter ones in the Moyaone Reserve. So PLEASE, be respectful of your neighbors; mask wearing isn't just about you, it's about everyone's safety. When you're socializing at the pool, pavilion area, or community garden, please wear a mask or keep one handy and respectfully social distance. Better to wear the mask, and then ask if you can take it off. We all want to enjoy a safe, healthy summer.



The Moyaone Pool Is Open

The Moyaone Association's pool opened on June 20. Pool hours are:

Families (weekdays and weekends): Noon–2 pm, 3–5 pm, and 6–8 pm

Adult lap swim (weekdays): 7:30–9 am; (weekends) 9:30–11 am

Admission to the pool is on a first-come, first-served basis during each of the scheduled swimming blocks. The current pool enclosure capacity must not exceed 27 guests at any time. Capacity is based on the COVID guideline formula developed by the Prince George's County (PGC) health department. Capacity is subject to change per PGC guidelines.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are specific rules that must be followed in order to remain open this summer, found online at: <https://www.moyaone.org/pool/>. Also, a requirement of Moyaone pool admission is your signed COVID Guidelines Agreement, which can be downloaded from the website. Please bring your signed agreement to the pool either before, or at your first visit. It will be kept on file. Only those who have submitted a signed and dated agreement will be admitted. It is very important that we know you have agreed to the COVID guidelines and pool rules. Those who disrespect the pool rules are subject to removal.

Traditionally, time spent at our community pool is relaxed, and the minutes quickly become hours spent visiting with neighbors. In the current situation, we must adhere to all PGC COVID restrictions. Encouraging children to play only with their households might not be easy, but it is required under the current guidelines. Families are encouraged to explain the rules to their children so they can prepare for family-focused games and water play, and manage expectations in advance.

Enjoying the community pool is a staple of Moyaone summers. We cannot guarantee that guidelines won't change this summer, but the Moyaone Reserve Board and Moyaone Reserve Pool COVID Task Force felt this was a positive, safe start that is compliant with PGC guidelines.



Photos: Paola Addamiano-Carts.

A COVID-19 Update from the Accokeek Foundation

— Casey Lowe Harlow
Marketing Manager, Accokeek Foundation

Throughout the pandemic, the trails and natural areas of Piscataway Park have remained open to visitors. We're working with the National Park Service to reopen some visitor services and facilities like restrooms over the next month.

The Visitor Center Gift Shop is expected to reopen to the public after Labor Day. Until then, most staff will continue to work remotely, and the office will remain closed to the public. Over the next couple of months, you'll start to see more staff back in the park, even as we maintain flexible, staggered work schedules that help to minimize potential risk to the team.

We'll continue to offer self-guided adventures in the park (<https://accokeekfoundation.org/history-and-culture/self-guided-adventures/>), as well as online programming to serve the public who may not be able to visit Piscataway Park. When we begin to offer in-person programs, they will be for small groups and we will mitigate potential risk to staff and visitors through practices like staying outdoors, using face coverings, offering online reservations, and providing timed entry of visitors to help disperse crowds.

Please stay tuned to social media and our website (accokeekfoundation.org) for details about our procedures to protect community health and safety, as well as the status of volunteer activities, facility rentals, tours, and programs. We look forward to seeing you in the park soon!

The Fairy Trail is back!

We are excited to announce that the Piscataway Park Fairy Trail is open for the season! Featuring eight brand new fairy houses, the fairy trail explores the magical world of pollinators and their important role in the ecosystem of Piscataway Park. You can explore the trail any time that the park is open. Enhance your experience by purchasing and downloading the fairy trail guide book, which includes a map of the trail, information about each of the fairy houses, and activities to help you learn more about the park's pollinators. See the website for how to get your guidebook.

For news on Juneteenth, a Statement from the Foundation on Racial Equity, and the Eugene B. Roberts, Jr. Memorial Fund, please see the following weblinks:

<https://accokeekfoundation.org/history-and-culture/juneteenth-journey-to-freedom/>

<https://accokeekfoundation.org/history-and-culture/accokeek-foundation-statement-on-racial-equity/>

<https://accokeekfoundation.org/support/generobertsmemorialfund/>

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In preparation for the opening of the Moyaone pool, two large trees were felled, as they were storm-damaged, and unstable. (Top) Before removal. (Bottom) After. Photos: Paola Addamiano-Carts.



Summertime activities at the Alice Ferguson Foundation include a members-only online “Brunch at the Barn” and small group/family visits to the farm. See below for details. Photos: Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Summertime at the Alice Ferguson Foundation

Tori Avvenire

Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Brunch at the Barn

Join us on Saturday, July 25 for this free members-only online visit to our barnyard. Bring your own brunch, hang out with our barnyard animals as they munch on treats and hear interesting animal facts and stories from the farm. Sign up here: bit.ly/affbrunch

This is a special, member-only event. To renew your membership, see: <https://fergusonfoundation.org/support/membership/>. If you're not sure if you're a member, you can send us an email at: info@fergusonfoundation.org.

Small Groups or Family Visits to the Farm

Join us at our historic Hard Bargain Farm educational campus to visit with the barnyard animals, explore the wetlands and woods with a nature hike or bird walk, or discover where food comes from as you learn about farming and agriculture at our 1930's era working farm.

- Welcoming small groups of 4–10 people
 - Enjoy fun, recreational activities during a 2-hour visit
 - Great way to get outside and discover nature and history
 - Dates available throughout the year
 - \$15 per person, with a 4-person minimum
- See the flyer at: <https://bit.ly/3g3rvEn>

It's a great way to get outside, discover something new, or commemorate a birthday or special occasion. To sign up for a visit, email us: hbfed@fergusonfoundation.org and an educator will connect with you to schedule your visit. In the meantime, take a virtual tour to discover the places and people of Hard Bargain Farm: <https://fergusonfoundation.org/the-farm/>.

Use of Wet Meadow

The Wet Meadow at Hard Bargain Farm (across the street from the Moyaone Commons 2311 address) is now again open, Monday–Friday, 8 am–3 pm, for members and their families to enjoy fresh air and the peaceful sounds of nature. Please use the Moyaone Community Pool parking lot when

visiting the wet meadow. Remember to practice social distancing and wear masks when social distancing is not possible. *This is a membership benefit.* To renew, see: <https://fergusonfoundation.org/support/membership/>.

New August Summer Camps

The first few weeks of Bringing Nature Home: Summer Adventure Camp have been a success. Registration is still open for our remaining weeks of camp and we would like to have you to join in on the fun.

We are excited to announce that we've added three additional weeks of online summer adventure camp. Each session is \$75/household. The activities are geared toward children ages 5 to 11, but are open to nature explorers of all ages. <https://fergusonfoundation.kindful.com/e/virtual-summer-camps>

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

Summer@Your Library

Summer@Your Library (S@YL) programs are virtual this year, held at 4 pm on the following Wednesdays: July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26. There is also a 10 am program on July 22.



Programs vary by age: 0–5, 5–12, 13–18, or teens & adults. Details are in this link: <https://www.pgcmils.info/summeratyourlibrary>

More than a traditional summer reading program, S@YL encourages children, teens, and adults to read 30 minutes each day, attend virtual programs (from yoga and puppet shows to musical performances and read-alouds), explore the wide range of streaming movies and music in the 85+ online library resources, and participate in interactive social media challenges.

The Friends of the Accokeek Library joined other Library Friends groups in sponsoring these programs.



Mt. Aventine Grounds Open during COVID

The Friends of Chapman State Park have installed new interpretative signage — “Keys to History” — covering the property’s evolution from a 18th century plantation supported by enslaved labor, through the Civil War era, to a 20th century horse breeding farm. Most of the signage is accessible via an easy walk from the entrance drive. Others are located at the river front. Experience this exploration of our area’s heritage.

While Mount Aventine manor house remains closed to visitors due to the pandemic, the trails are open and welcoming. Masks and social distancing are requested.

The park is located at 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD 20640, and is open from sunrise to sunset. For more information, call (301) 743-7613.

EIGHTHANDS
WELLNESS

Enjoy our newly remodeled studio and treatment room with beautiful wooded views of scenic Piscataway Creek.

Rejuvenate - **Yoga**

Beginner - Intermediate - Yin - Private Groups - Workshops

Relax - **Body Work**

Swedish - Deep Tissue - Hot Stones - Relaxation

Reenergize - **Pilates**

Beginner - Intermediate - Private Lessons

Restore - **Anti-Aging**

Skin Rejuvenation - Hydration - Acne Treatments - Sun Damage

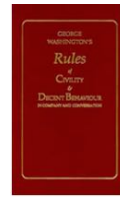
Ask about our other three hands - home organizing, elder care and catering.

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Moyaone T-Shirts Available

The “Trees of Moyaone Reserve” T-shirts order has been placed, as the store is at last open again(!) to complete the deal halted earlier by COVID.

1) I will circle back with all who placed an order, and
2) I welcome additional orders. The shirts are on light beige cotton and will have green-inked front and back motifs. Email me at KentLHibben@gmail.com with the size(s) you seek. I've negotiated a bulk price reduction to about \$14 each.



And, personifying Independence celebrations, gardens, trees, landscaping and discussions in evolving social situations, what better light-hearted, hope-full guide than George Washington's book: *Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour in Company and Conversation*, available at shops.mountvernon.org.

At your service, welcoming info, updates, and questions, Kent, Moyaone Association Public Affairs Co-Chair
KentLHibben@gmail.com; text/phone (202) 316-8432.



Fresh Organic Produce at Plane in Hand Farm

Celebrate summer with fresh produce that we pick when you're on your way to pick it up, and with bottled dried herbs, homemade jams, canned tomatoes and applesauce — made with organic ingredients grown on our farm!

What is available will change throughout the summer and fall. Please join our mailing list to get an email when new produce is available or find us on Facebook.

In stock now: cucumbers, zucchini, yellow saffron squash, crookneck squash, curly leaf kale, straight leaf kale, Southern blue collards, buttercrunch lettuce, four seasons lettuce, short and sweet carrots, oregano, cilantro, rosemary, thyme (fresh bunches or in sealed bottles with double flip-tops for sprinkling or spooning out herbs), potted raspberry and blackberry vines, pints of jam (pear, blackberry, mixed berry, peach), pints of applesauce, canned tomatoes.

If you'd like to buy something and live in Accokeek, we can probably drop it by your mailbox or you can text Kelly (301-237-5040) when you're ready to pick up, and we'll put your order on the table at the end of the driveway (16504 Old Marshall Hall Rd.).

***We have been strictly quarantined for three months, and all transactions will be at a distance.*



Accokeek Artists Alliance Holds Second Successful Zoom Event

The Accokeek Artists Alliance held its second Zoom event Thursday, June 25. Sixteen members signed on to see member artist Peggy Reichard talk about her porcelain ware with images of local creatures, and Karen Hoagberg describe the intricate and time-consuming process of creating a Tiffany lampshade.

Dave Cremer was the guest presenter. He gave an impressive talk on the gargantuan effort underway to renovate the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. Dave is the head of the Exhibit Productions Division at the museum. We were treated to an inside look at what's been going on and what's to come as the museum reopens to the public. The first phase will be completed in 2022 and the final phase in 2025.

For more information, email us at accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com. Check out our Instagram ([#accokeekartistsalliance](https://www.instagram.com/accokeekartistsalliance)) and Facebook pages.



Photos: (Top) Prior to renovation, the marble facade of the National Air and Space Museum showed deterioration. (Below) A facsimile of a future gallery at the museum shows the exhibit: "Humans Reach the Moon." Images proved by David Cremer.

Message to GACA Members and Friends

Dear GACA Members and Friends,

We hope you are well and safe.

The GACA Board is continuing to do the best we can to carry on the tradition established in our 1985 By-Laws, specifically "to promote interest and friendship among the residents . . . dedicate[d] to the civic and social betterment of the community . . . [offering] activities selected and conducted on a nonpartisan and nonsectarian basis." The farsighted founding GACA members were also very practical -- even though they could not have predicted the troubled pandemic times of 2020 -- to provide the following very practical guidelines: "Any business to be conducted at a meeting canceled for lack of a quorum shall be taken up at the next regular or special meeting." In the case of the annual meeting not having a quorum, the officers' terms shall be extended until a meeting at which an election can be held." As you know, the pandemic caused GACA's regular April

Annual Meeting to be canceled, and it was the GACA Board's judgment that the regularly scheduled June meeting also must be postponed, given continuing safety concerns and the likelihood that the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Hall will not be open until a later date.

To the future, GACA will meet again; the current Board will continue in-place until then. Planning is underway for the next meeting; continuing health safety concerns make a "face-to-face" meeting unlikely in the near future. The GACA Board is working on holding the next meeting via Zoom, and in that case timely and detailed instructions will be emailed to you to help you participate. Meanwhile, we will continue to email information, and we will continue to do our best to further the mission of the Greater Accokeek Civic Association.

Thank you for your understanding. Be safe. Be kind.

*On behalf of the GACA Board members,
Judy Allen-Leventhal, President*



Online Independence Day Concert Takes Place on July 3

— by Lydia Kivrak

The Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO), Osman Kivrak, Director, with Encore Band, Takako Mato, Director; Encore Strings, Krisztina Der, Director; and Prelude Strings, Laura Ellison, Director in partnership with Alice Ferguson Foundation announces **an Independence Day concert with the Charles County Youth Orchestra on Saturday, July 3 at 7:00 pm**. The online concert will be on Facebook at Charles County Youth Orchestra and Alice Ferguson Foundation, and at: charlescountyyouthorchestra.org

As life slowly begins to return to normal after months of disruptions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, CCYO has prepared another virtual concert to celebrate Independence Day after their successful online debut in May.

CCYO was scheduled to perform an Independence Day Concert at the Alice Ferguson Foundation in Accokeek, Maryland on June 27. This new online concert features three of the pieces that would have been performed live at that concert: *Simple Gifts*, an American Shaker hymn; film music from *The Avengers* by Alan Silvestri, and the *Star Spangled Banner*. Students performing in this online concert are from all four of CCYO's ensembles: Prelude Strings, Encore Band, Encore Strings, and the Charles County Youth Symphony and range in age from 10 to 18.

This concert also features scenes from the beautiful property of the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Located on a historic farm on the shores of the Potomac River, the Alice Ferguson Foundation programs connect thousands of students, educators, communities throughout Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC to promote heritage, arts, education and environmental sustainability.

"We are delighted to be a part of this Charles County Youth Orchestra's summer concert," said Theresa Cullen, Alice Ferguson Foundation executive director. "Through our six decades of doing youth programs, we know how truly critical the arts and the outdoors are to the health and wellbeing of the next generation, and we are proud to support these talented young musicians."

Since March, the orchestra has held weekly online meetings where the students were coached on their parts for the recordings and also performed solo pieces for each other to keep motivation high. The Charles County Youth Orchestra is one of the largest youth organizations in Southern Maryland providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians in Charles County, Prince Georges County, St. Mary's County and Calvert County.

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.

In addition to weekly rehearsals and the two main concerts, students perform for the Kris Kringle Marketplace event, the Arts Fest in La Plata, pre-concert performances at the Davies Concert Series in Camp Springs and beginning this year we have a new Concerto Competition. Our other educational activities include master classes, sectional rehearsals and our newest offering beginning this month — chamber music.

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

The Charles County Youth Orchestra 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, Gailles Violin Shop, Bullock's Piano Salon East, and the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center of La Plata.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has taken measures to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the state continues following Governor Hogan's "Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery," we will keep you informed with the latest news and information as it relates to department activities and customer service.

Visit our website for the latest updates regarding Maryland's opportunities for outdoor recreation to follow guidelines on the safe enjoyment of our natural resources (<https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2020/05/06/frequently-asked-questions-about-governor-hogans-stay-at-home-order/>). The health and safety of the public is paramount, and we encourage you to keep track of the latest factual information regarding COVID-19 at the Maryland Dept. of Health website: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov>.

Maryland state park rangers have created videos for you to enjoy the park experience from your home. Check out our virtual ranger videos on the department's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AccessDNR/>

Create Your Own State Park Challenge. The Maryland Park Service is kicking off the start of the summer season with a challenge: to create your own state park! Complete our park activities to create wildlife habitat, camping areas, and more in your backyard or even in your living room! Complete the challenge by Sept. 7 to be entered to win prizes! <https://bit.ly/3i8hHuq>