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President's Note

— Rose Kim
MoyaonePresident@gmail.com

I hope community members took a moment to read my recent email request about wearing masks and maintaining respectful social distancing when at the Moyaone Pool. While as a community you are free to mask/distance in the Commons based on Maryland State guidance, the pool does have rules that must be abided by in order to remain open and to avoid being fined. August still has many swimming days left; let's each do our part to keep our neighbors and ourselves healthy.

On July 30, Governor Hogan announced an expanded statewide mask order. An excerpt from that order follows:

Expanded Masking Order. With the unanimous support of the Maryland Coronavirus Recovery Team, Governor Hogan has expanded the statewide masking order that has been in effect since April 18. Under this order, which **took effect Friday, July 31 at 5:00 pm**, all Marylanders over the age of five are required to wear face coverings in the public spaces of all businesses across the state. Face coverings will also be required in outdoor public areas, whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing. The expanded order continues to provide certain exceptions, including for medical conditions. Please read the Governor's order: <https://bit.ly/3gwkUml>

The community has passed the halfway point in the fiscal year. There was a decrease in outside pool memberships due to the Accokeek Swim Team season and Camp Accokeek program cancellations. These were two main factors causing pool revenues to be down; however, all the committee chairs have pulled together to keep expenses at a minimum. And, in June, at least a half-dozen or so community members paid their annual Consolidated Moyaone Association fees. These volunteered payments were welcome and needed. Of course, if all Moyaone Reserve landowners would please

contribute their share of the community's dues, pool maintenance, beautification efforts at the Commons, and complex road repairs would be done without worry and without the need for fundraising. Well-maintained roads and a beautiful pool and commons add value to our homes. We will all sell our homes one day, and I can guarantee any realtor worth working with will highlight the lovely amenities offered here. If you have not paid your 2020 Moyaone Association fees, please consider doing so — they're ever welcome, appreciated, and well, "it's never too late!"

New to the Moyaone Reserve?

Please contact Moyaone Membership Chair Crystal Garcia (crystallynngarcia@me.com), so that she can welcome you to our community.

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Trees and the Moyaone Roads

For any trees blocking the Moyaone's gravel roads (or ready to fall onto a road), please email Roads Chair Stan@Fetter.net, and cc: KentLHibben@gmail.com. Please include the following information to make a safe, quick response easier:

- 1) Street name and mailbox # nearest the tree
- 2) A photo
- 3) Is the tree on a wire?
- 4) Are both lanes blocked, or is one lane open?

Also, if a tree blocking a Moyaone road is being removed by volunteers, please advise by text or email to Stan and me, so that our hired tree-contractor doesn't arrive at the scene after the road is already cleared.

Just a reminder that the speed limit remains 15 mph on Moyaone's roads, please. Signage is slated for yet unposted entrances. Also, we are sharing road damage photos and reports with the 20607 post office and with other delivery services.

Please feel free to report any concerns regarding trespassers. If in danger, dial 911 — to our COPS Officer Cpl. Stephen Rannacher, at sdrannacher@co.pg.md.us; feel free to cc: KentLHibben@gmail.com. Please request that an incident/report number be generated and shared with you, to help resolve cases and identify trends/repeat offenders.

Population Growth Influences Current Gun Safety Laws

The Moyaone Reserve is known as a wooded community for those who wish to escape the congestion of more densely populated areas. It is no longer in the midst of a rural area, but in a rapidly changing suburb of Washington, DC. Over the years, Prince George's County's gun safety laws have been updated, in part, to reflect its population growth, including:

- 1) It is illegal to shoot a weapon within 1000 feet of an occupied dwelling without permission of the inhabitant. This law is enforced locally by the Prince George's County Police.
- 2) If a person is hunting during legal hunting season, the distance is 150 yards (450 feet) unless, again, permission of the property owner is given (Maryland) and only single shots should be fired. This law is enforced locally by the Maryland Department of Natural Resource Police.

For contacts and more information, see list at right.

UMD Extension Offers Online Course: *The Woods in Your Backyard*

Monday, August 31 — Tuesday, November 9, 2020

Registration is now open for the fall session of *The Woods in Your Backyard* online course. The self-paced, non-credit course, offered by University of Maryland Extension, runs 10 weeks from August 31 to November 9. The course will help landowners convert lawn to natural areas and enhance stewardship of existing natural areas. Based on the guide of the same name, the course provides strategies to landowners of small parcels of land (1–10 acres) that improve the stewardship of their property for personal enjoyment and environmental quality. It uses a hands-on learning approach to help participants develop and implement a plan for their property. Activities include:

- how to map habitat areas
- understanding basic ecological principles about woodland and wildlife
- choosing and implementing a few habitat management projects
- how to set a timetable and record your progress

Online discussion groups will allow participants to interact with others taking the course. A certificate of completion is awarded when all assignments are completed.

The course costs \$95 per person, which includes the 108-page *Woods In Your Backyard* guide, workbook, and a tree identification guide. The course is limited to 25 participants.

For more information, go to

<https://extension.umd.edu/woodland/woods-your-backyard/online-course>.

To register through Eventbrite, go to

<https://wiyb-s9.eventbrite.com>. For more information,

contact course coordinator Andrew Kling at

akling1@umd.edu. Registration closes August 31 or when class is full.

Prince George's County Police:

Emergency 911 or District 7 at (301) 292-5300

Have the address or location of property available from which firing is emanating.

In PG County Code of Ordinances, see Section 14 Morals and Conduct, Division 6 Weapons.

https://library.municode.com/md/prince_george%27s_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIIT17PULOLAPRGECOMA_SUBTITLE_14MOCO_DIV6WE_S14-140LOWEPREX

Charles County is still largely rural and its gun safety laws differ.

Maryland Department of Natural Resource Police:

Emergency: (410) 260-8888 or Southern District (410) 295-4600

Have the address or location of property available from which firing is emanating. These numbers should also be called to report poaching.

<http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/hunting-regulations/>

Vincent Femia 1936—2020

Vince Femia, of Moyaone Reserve's Poplar Hill loop, passed away at home on June 28 in the company of family and neighbors.

Born in Philadelphia on July 26, 1936, Vince was married 63 years to his wife Liz, who survives him, in their Moyaone Reserve house of 46 years, along with their three children.

He served Prince George's County for 56 years; 9 years as a states attorney and 47 years as a judge.



Photo by Tom Wolff.

Vince served America in the Air National Guard and was always in service to our community, pitching in to help out his neighbors in any way he could. The latter included pro bono assists with taxes, giving rides to Accokeek Elementary School for lots of us who missed the bus (in a so-cool vintage maroon Mercedes!) — and helping clear the trees blocking these roads.

His hands, as capable as his breadth-of-mind, were often gardening; baking cakes, pies, or batches of cookies for community events; and writing letters to, and narratives for, various newspapers.

He played a range of parts in several Hard Bargain, Tantallon, and Port Tobacco theater productions, and officiated at numerous weddings of friends and neighbors near and far.

A classical music aficionado, he'd share the orchestra as he drove down the road with his radio blaring, his hand dancing like a conductor's.

He handled two crossword puzzles, Jeopardy, and online solitaire all the while tending to his baking and holding a conversation with each fully-accomodated guest. His pure energy and joi-de-vivre were perhaps most noticeable in his emails, regularly in UPPER CASE!

He'd revel in creating humorous tales to share with all ages, educating as well as entertaining. And his amazing memory for every joke he ever heard helped brighten the mood of each room he graced.

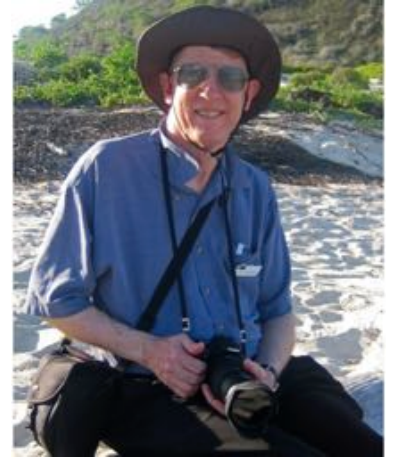
Until 3 days before his death he was still laughing and still correcting his daughters' grammar. Asked if he wanted to lay down, he noted that "Chickens lay, people lie" That twinkled-eye and wry, kind smile will remain strong in our memories.

Vince's fun-loving, just, and generous mind and heart shaped a fine father and husband, and

David Harvey Townsend 1941—2020

Passed away peacefully at Annapolitan Assisted Living, Annapolis, MD on June 5, 2020. Born in Washington, DC July 26, 1941, David was the first child of the late Helen Thomas Townsend and Thomas Thwing Townsend.

David is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School where he excelled at math and science. He then received a BS degree from Penn State University in Engineering Science and a master's degree from Rutgers University in Electrical Engineering.



During his 38-year career at the Naval Research Lab, David advanced antijam and low probability of intercept antenna and communications systems for US Navy applications. He was the lead system engineer for the Navy HF Antijam Program and developed mathematical modeling and computer simulations to evaluate communication systems. In 2003 he formed DHT Engineering Science, LLC. He was a member of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, and an engineering fellow at Penn State.

David served Foundry United Methodist in Washington, DC in various ministries, from teaching Sunday School to serving on the Administrative Board. He joined several Methodist mission trips both in the United States and abroad. The adventure of travel took him to 7 continents.

David loved classical music, mentoring coworkers, celebrating holidays with family, exploring all 50 states while driving an orange VW camper, Reese's peanut butter cups, hiking, photography, and living in the Moyaone.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Le Etta McLaughlin Townsend; children, Anne Rose (Robert) of Annapolis, MD and William Townsend of Accokeek, MD; sister, Judith Crecelius (William) of Ann Arbor, MI; and twin nephews Gregory and Stephen Crecelius.

Due to Covid restrictions a private funeral was held. Interment will be in the columbarium at Foundry United Methodist Church.

Donations may be made in his memory to the SPCA of Anne Arundel County (<https://aacspca.org>).

strengthened our community.

In his name and his giving spirit, donations can be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake (hospicechesapeake.org).

Charlotte Ann Dalton Gillespie 1941–2020

Jon and I are sad to announce that our mother passed away on July 9 after a two-month battle with brain cancer. Mom was born in Bluefield, WV on Oct. 25, 1941 and lived with her family in Springville, VA until lack of work in the coal mines took our grandfather to Michigan to work for Chrysler. Mom completed high school at New Haven High School in 1959 and earned her Bachelor's degree in Journalism in 1963 from Michigan State University, where she was an editor for the *State News*. After completing her degree, she moved to the Philadelphia area and became a parishioner at St. Luke's Germantown, where she met Robert Gillespie and married in 1964.



In 1968, mom and dad moved to Accokeek where dad became the rector of Christ Episcopal Church. Mom stayed at home to take care of her children, but she was always one to stay busy, and in 1974 she earned her Master's degree in Public Administration from American University. She would eventually complete all the coursework for a doctorate in Public Administration but left, ABD, for a job with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), where she was throughout the 80s.

The 90s saw mom move from the private sector to the federal government when she started working for the Department of Education. She remained at DOE until her retirement in 2010. Her work with the Safe and Drug-Free

Schools program was very important to her, and in her eventual supervisory role, she earned the respect of all her colleagues and staff.

Post-retirement, mom threw herself into seeing the world, and with our dad, visited Russia, China, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and France, along with numerous trips to England. When dad became unable to travel, I took up the mantle of travel companion, and together, mom and I visited Greece, Turkey, France, Germany, and of course, more trips to beloved England. A trip to Vietnam and Cambodia in 2020 was scheduled but then cancelled by COVID-19.

Also very special to mom were her vacations with her Lefler cousins, which included Gatlinburg and Charleston, and her idea of a fabulous way to spend her 50th anniversary with our father was to take the whole family on a cruise of the Inside Passage. Stops included Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, a whale-watching tour in Glacier Bay, and two additional days in Denali. The day she went into the hospital, she was planning in her mind a future trip to New Zealand.

Mom loved classical music and various 50s and 60s icons such as Elvis, the Everly Brothers, The Kingston Trio, and Simon and Garfunkel. But children will have their influence, and she learned to love Led Zeppelin, Jethro Tull, and Pink Floyd.

Mom loved the time spent with her family and friends, working in her garden, adoring her grandchildren, and cooking amazing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Best of all, she got to see her beloved Washington Capitals win the Stanley Cup in 2018.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of mom's favorite organizations: St. Paul's K Street, So Others Might Eat (SOME), Episcopal Development and Relief (<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>), or in mom's name to the charity of your choice.



Accokeek Foundation Celebrates Great American Outdoors Act

A Letter from AF's Laura Ford

Passage of the Great American Outdoors Act is very good news for all of us who love our parks! The bipartisan legislation now awaits the President's signature and will fund conservation projects, outdoor recreation, and maintenance of national parks and other public lands.

Specifically, the Act provides crucial funding to repair aging infrastructure in America's national park sites, dedicating up to \$9.5 billion over five years. This funding will be so important to parks like ours. According to a 2018 National Park Service Report, deferred maintenance needs in National Capital Parks—East alone is estimated at \$195M. This legislation will address the highest priority park repair needs and generate thousands of infrastructure-related jobs.

Additionally, the Act provides \$900 million per year to the Land and Water Conservation Fund to protect land in our national parks and public lands from incompatible development and to support recreational facilities in communities throughout the nation, increasing access to outdoor spaces for all. On the House floor before the vote, Congressman Steny Hoyer highlighted Piscataway Park as one of the past successes of the LWCF, saying, "In my home state of Maryland, we have used the fund to protect some of our most historic sites, protecting nature so that every American might have the same opportunity to enjoy the sanctity of nature or connect with our history. I was proud to have worked to protect the viewshed of George Washington's Mount Vernon site permanently through the creation of Piscataway Park on Maryland's side of the river."

These are important times for the Accokeek Foundation as we embark on negotiations around renewal of our cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. We're also doing strategic planning for the future of the organization, to ensure our work continues to have impact in the community. We've been able to pivot our work during the pandemic to offer virtual programs, and we've seen more than double the number of visitors as usual so far this year. We're delighted to be able to be here for you, and we look forward to talking with you more about how you can be involved in the Foundation's work.

We're so grateful for the community's continued commitment to preserving this special landscape. I hope you'll take a moment to thank our legislators who cosponsored and supported this Act as well as our friends at the National Park Service, so they know how much you appreciate Piscataway Park and the strong partnerships that continue to protect the Mount Vernon viewshed and the indigenous cultural landscape of Piscataway Park.

As always, thank you for your support, and please let us know what you love about Piscataway Park. Stay tuned for more news.

Best, Laura

Laura Ford

President and CEO, Accokeek Foundation

Join the Accokeek Foundation this August for these special virtual presentations:

Museum Theater: Reunion of Cate and Jack Thursday, August 6, 12–1 pm

Join us for part two of a two-part event that explores African American life in 18th century Maryland. The Sharper Family Series brings to life the stories of Cate Sharper (a woman enslaved in the mid-1700s) and the family she could have had.

Cate Sharper is a woman, born into slavery, whose family has been torn apart too many times. Separated from her family at a young age as part of a dowry, she was brought to this land to tend to tobacco. She found a husband (a free man), and had a son, named Jack. When Jack was 12 years old he was taken from her and sold away. Watch the story unfold as Cate awaits the return of her son after 5 long years, in the reunion of a lifetime.

This is a virtual event that will be hosted on Zoom. The presentation will include a museum theater video "The Reunion of Cate & Jack," followed by a conversation between Shemika Berry, the interpretation coordinator, and special guest Deldridge Berry II, who portrays Jack. A brief Q&A will follow their conversation.

**To participate, register at: <https://bit.ly/33kHP0u>
Once you have registered, you will receive the Zoom meeting information.**

Save or Squish? A Citizen Science Presentation Saturday, August 15, 10–11 am

1 person, 5 insects, a whole web of connections.

Join Regenerative Agriculture Coordinator KC Carr and embark on a scavenger hunt in your garden to find insects that you see every day and question their purpose in that space. Are they helpful or hurtful, good or dangerous? What role do they play in the larger ecosystem of your garden? Squish or save?

KC will discuss all of this as she hunts for 5 different garden insects that live in the Kitchen Garden on the National Colonial Farm. Together we can help our ecosystems, both at home and in our community, be healthier and happier by becoming more knowledgeable about the creatures living in them.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3k2pXxd>

*Accokeek Foundation, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek
(301) 965-9574, accokeekfoundation.org*

Alice Ferguson Foundation Reports on Capital Projects

Also Offers August Camps, Family Farm Visits

Capital Project Update

We wanted to keep our Moyaone community up-to-date on some of the activity going on at Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center. One of the most important parts of our mission at the Alice Ferguson Foundation is



to bring students, parents, and teachers to the Farm to experience and learn about the wonders of the natural world and where their food comes from. In doing so, we need to keep our land and our buildings in good shape to support our educators and those who visit. This includes safety, shelter, and indoor and outdoor teaching spaces.

AFF has been fortunate to have received funding from the State of Maryland and Prince George's County governments to augment our other fundraising efforts for these purposes. These monies may only be used for capital projects such as the ones that are currently underway, either in the planning stage, about to begin on-site work, or have been recently completed.

These include:

- Continued work that was begun last year in the barnyard to get our nearly century-old buildings and infrastructure (underground water and electric lines) up to snuff.
- A stormwater management project (fully funded by Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Trust and Prince George's County Stormwater Management Division/Department of the Environment) to redirect surface water that puddles in low areas and makes it a challenge for our students to enter this area. The water will be sent to two constructed wetland areas where it will stay until it percolates into the ground rather than running directly into our small Accokeek Creek feeder streams. The work should begin in late July or early August and should take a few weeks to complete.
- A pavilion with storage at one end will be erected on the spot where the old Wareham Lodge once stood. The planning stages are completed and are finishing up documents for M-NCPPC and Prince George's County for approvals to modifications to both the Special Exception and the Conservation Plan. These are necessary to submit the permit application since they deal with stormwater management, a vitally important part of any new project. Not only will this new space help with our programs, but also it will be a good addition for other gatherings.

Even in the absence of our school students' ability to visit the Farm in person, we are still providing quality virtual visits and environmental and agricultural education. We continue to

use these buildings and spaces for the studios and barnyard spaces for these purposes while we wait (as patiently as humanly possible) for their eventual return.

If you have questions about AFF capital projects, and for so much else that goes on here at the Foundation, please contact Karen Jensen Miles (kmiles@fergusonfoundation.org).



August Camps

It's not too late to register for our virtual summer camps this August!

(<https://fergusonfoundation.org/summercamps/>)

Session 8: August 17–19. Plant Power

Explore all the different aspects/features of plants and their interactions with insects and surrounding environment. From seed dispersal to the flowering plant, learning all the different stages of the plant life cycle, what they need to survive, and why humans need plants for our survival.

Session 9: August 24–26. Best of the Summer

We're wrapping up an amazing 9 weeks of online summer camps with this special session that brings together some of our campers' and educators' favorite activities. As we get ready to go back to school, we're taking the best hits of the summer and bringing it all back for this final camp of the year.

Each session is \$75 per household. Camp activities are geared towards children ages 5–11, but are open to nature explorers of all ages. Adventure starts here: (<https://fergusonfoundation.org/summercamps/>).

Bring Your Family to the Farm

Join us in person this summer with a family visit to Hard Bargain Farm (<https://fergusonfoundation.org/visit-us/>).

Our family and small-group visits feature a two-hour activity, such as visiting the barnyard animals, doing a bird walk, or going on a guided nature tour. It's a great way to get outdoors. Learn more here.



To make sure everyone is safe, we are limiting these on-site summer visits to families only. Masks will be required.

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2201 Bryan Point Rd.,
Accokeek. Learn more at: www.fergusonfoundation.org

Join the MOYAONE CHALLENGE on September 12

Accept the **Moyaone Challenge** and demonstrate your athletic abilities in your area of expertise.



Sign up for the super sprint triathlon, swim challenge, bike challenge, or the run. Race day is **Saturday, September 12** and all races originate at the Moyaone Commons, 2311 Bryan Point Rd. Each race will have 3 categories. Youth—ages 10 to 18; Adult—ages 18 to 59; Senior—ages 60 and over.

Social distancing and masks will be required for all spectators at all events.

Triathlon

The race will include a 250-m (10 lap) swim, 8-km (5 miles) bike ride through Moyaone roads (bike helmet STRICTLY REQUIRED), and a 2-km (1.2 mile) run.

Participants may enter as individuals or as a relay team with each team member racing in one or more elements of the triathlon. Transition time from one element of the race to the next is included in the total race time.

Race begins at 8 am at the Moyaone Pool. Entry fee: \$25

Swim Challenge

250-m (10 laps in the pool)

All strokes are accepted including walking.

Race begins after Triathlon Challenge has completed.

Swim-only entry fee: \$15

Biking Challenge

8-km (5 miles) over Moyaone roads. Bike helmet STRICTLY REQUIRED for participation.

Race begins at approximately 8:45 am at Wagner Center.

Bike-only entry fee \$15

Run Challenge

2-km foot race on Moyaone roads. (Again, walking is permitted too.)

Run-only entry fee \$15

Race begins at approximately 8:50 am at Wagner Center.

We encourage participants to get sponsors to help fund the entry cost. All sponsors will be recognized in *Smoke Signals*.

To enter:

- 1) Complete the registration form below.
- 2) Read and sign the Participant Waiver on page 8.
- 3) Submit both forms with your entry fee at the Moyaone Pool.

All registration forms must be received by September 7, 2020. Additional registration forms will also be available at the Moyaone Pool.

The funds raised from this event will be used to make improvements to the Moyaone Commons.

MOYAONE CHALLENGE REGISTRATION FORM

Event Name you are participating in (check one):

Triathlon _____ Triathlon Team Relay _____ Swim Race Only _____ Bike Race Only _____ Run Only _____

Age Category: Young Adult (10–18) _____ Adult (18–59) _____ Senior (60 and up) _____

If you know your best time for a 100-m swim, please provide here: _____

Name (or names for triathlon relay): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: (Mobile) _____ Home _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Moyaone Association or MoyaonePool Member: Yes _____ No _____

List the names of your sponsors if any.

Participant Waiver

WAIVER/RELEASE, REQUIRED: I HEREBY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MOYAONE CHALLENGE.

1. I hereby represent that (i) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Event; and (ii) I am not under the influence of alcohol or any illicit or prescription drugs which would in any way impair my ability to safely participate in the Event. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Event.

2. I understand and acknowledge the physical and mental rigors associated with triathlon, and realize that running, bicycling, swimming and other portions of such Events are inherently dangerous and represent an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits. I understand that participation involves risks and dangers which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life; loss of or damage to equipment/property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents, contact or collision with other participants, spectators, vehicles or other natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect course conditions; water, road and surface hazards; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event Organizers; and other undefined risks and dangers which may not be readily foreseeable or are presently unknown ("Risks"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Event, or the acts, inaction or negligence of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses which I incur as a result of my participation in the Event.

3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations established for the Event. I also accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Event, and the condition and adequacy of my equipment.

4. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: the Event Organizers, Race Directors, Local Organizing Committees, and Property Owners upon which the Event takes place, (Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys fees) of any kind or nature ("Liability") which may arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Event, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Released Parties. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liability which any may be incurred as the result of such claim. I hereby warrant that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of the minor, my spouse, children, parents, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement freely and voluntarily, without any inducement, assurance or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Parental Consent (required if the participant is less than 18 years of age) As the Parent and/or Legal Guardian to the minor identified above, I hereby accept and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement on behalf of the minor in connection with the minor's participation in the Event(s). If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred.

Participant Name (or names for relay, please print)

Participant(s) or Parent signature(s) if under 18

Date

Charles County Youth Orchestra Plans Exciting Fall Season



Charles County Youth Orchestra with Encore Band, Encore Strings, and Prelude Strings Announces Fall 2020 Activities: Auditions, Two Online Concerts, Monthly Student Performance Labs, Monthly Master Classes

Auditions for all Charles County Youth Orchestra ensembles are now open and the CCYO is anticipating a very rich and busy fall season.

Students will perform two online concerts. The first one, scheduled for release on October 23, will feature space-themed music in honor of NASA's 2020 Perseverance mission to Mars. The second concert, scheduled for release on December 11, will have music with joyous winter and holiday themes.

In addition to rehearsing and performing these concerts, students will have the opportunity to attend three Masterclasses with distinguished musicians. They also will participate in monthly online Performance Labs where they will learn about topics such as efficient and effective practice habits, preparing for performance, and dealing with performance anxiety.

Information about auditions and details about the season can be found at: charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/.

Previous online performances can be heard on Facebook at: <https://bit.ly/3fo4nQ8>.

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.

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, Gales Violin Shop, Bullock's Piano Salon East and the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center of La Plata.

For more information, contact Dr. Osman Kivrak, Director, Charles County Youth Orchestra (phone: 301-375-7109; email: charlescountyyouthorchestra.org).



AAA member Thomas Clay will show some of his papercraft, such as the building pictured at left, at a Zoom presentation on Tues., Aug. 25.

Accokeek Artists Alliance to Hold Art Show on Sept. 18–19

Two AAA events are in the offing. If you are not a member, now's the time to join our ever-expanding group of arts enthusiasts. To request a membership form, please email: accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com.



The third AAA Zoom session will be on **Tuesday, August 25, at 7 pm** with another enticing lineup of presenters. Ikuko Turner will be our main presenter and will prepare a Japanese dish for our culinary edification. Lynn Hollyfield will perform a new song she has written; Carol Burbank will share a reading; and Thomas Clay will have a short video of his amazing paper cathedrals, dollhouses, and extensive studio space.

AND, on **September 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday**, we are planning an outdoor art sale on the Moyaone's community center grounds (2311 Bryan Point Rd.) and perhaps inside the Wagner Center as well. (*Members please note that we have changed the dates to a week later than previously announced.*) We'll have timed tickets available to the public to control the flow of patrons. All other safety concerns will be addressed with masks and social distancing required. Member artists are all eligible to participate. Details forthcoming.

Rinse When Recycling

Please rinse all food off of items before putting them in bins. This makes it easier to recycle, and keeps loose dogs and wildlife (both recurrently sighted on Moyaone Reserve roads) from wrestling the collection crews, or each other, for the contents.

—Kent L. Hibben