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President's Note: Storms, Repairs, and Dues

— Rose Kim
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In early August the area was hit with some terrible rain storms. One particularly wet storm did a lot of damage to several Moyaone private roads. Moyaone Roads Chair Stan Fetter worked quickly and efficiently with his team to repair the roadways, making them passable and safe again. This summer the Board and the Association's Committee Chairs have continued to work very hard to keep costs down; however, as the summer is finishing up, we find the cash flow tightening and that road-repair emergency, while manageable, was stressful financially.

An email was sent to the Moyaone Reserve neighbors who haven't paid 2020 dues, asking them to please help during this difficult time. More than ever, everyone's support is needed. If each Moyaone Reserve landowner voluntarily paid their dues, our budget would increase by \$46,000 per year. That fixes a lot of potholes. I emphasize the word "voluntary" because we are not required to pay dues as in neighborhoods with homeowners' associations; however, we are required as an Association to keep our roads

navigable and keep the pool clean and beautiful because those community members who do voluntarily pay their annual consolidated fees expect this of our community. To put the annual fee of \$770 into perspective, that's \$2.11 per day.

If you have had a chance to pay your dues this year — THANK YOU! If you haven't yet, please consider supporting this community, which offers such a wonderful respite during these trying times. Please reach out to Paola (MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com) or to me to pay your annual dues or for any questions.

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New to the Moyaone Reserve?

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

2020 Members of the Moyaone Association

Listed below are the names of those who have paid consolidated fees, are enrolled in a payment plan, or have made other contributions in 2020. Please contact Moyaone Comptroller Paola Addamiano-Carts with any questions or corrections: moyaonecomptroller@gmail.com.

Abernethy, Tom/Debbie	Hall, Wendy	Perrizo, Jerry/Mary Jo
Ackley, Aaron/Bonnie	Hanson, Rhonda	Peters, Larry/Gwen
Aills, Bonnie/Chris	Hansz, David	Phelps, Harold/Mary Lee
Alice Ferguson Foundation	Hartwig, Kristen/Palermo, Mark	Pinney, Greg
Allen, Gary/Candace	Hattaway, Doug	Pipitone, Frank/Truett, Amanda
Allen, Norman/Penn, Gary	Haucke, Hans	Plesniak, Michael/Hoagberg, Karen
Anderson, Cliff/Tetiana	Hibben, Kent/Cibelli, Kristen	Pollack, Ron/Becky
Anderson, Philip/Kaminski, Annaka	Hollyfield, John/Lynn	Powell, Gordon/Lona Carlson
Architzel, Mike/Canavan, Emily	Huettner, Hugh/Kristy	Powell, Leo/Kay
Barrera, Josue/Gloria	Jagger, Bobby/Paaajanen, Julia	Ramundo, Michael/Stansbury, Lucretia
Bednar, Ed/Judy	Jolly, Craig/Lucinda	Reiben, Ellen
Bennett, Nathanael/Brooke	Jones, Sue	Reichard, David/Peggy
Binder, Betsy	Kagle, Sigrid	Robertson, Bill/Stokes, Anne
Bramblett, Himmyly	Karimi, Mina/Melham, Tim	Romeo, Sheryl/Schwaller, Matt
Bruce, John/West, Dale	Katz, Daniel/Samantha	Root, Robert
Brueggeman, John	Keim, Lori	Russell, Phillip/Hsin-I
Buckley, Carolyn/McChesney, Lloyd	Kim, Steve/Rose	Savage, Herb
Buckingham, Joe	Kirkup, Ben/Karen	Saylor, Bo
Burke, Kevin	Kline, Warren	Schreck, Robert/Joan
Canavan, Kelly	Kochs, David/Haven, Faline	Scott, Bill/Rhonda
Carts, Martin/Addamiano-Carts, Paola	Kovacs, Lydia	Shotwell, Wayland/Tina
Clay, Thomas/O'Day, Kathleen	Kucab, Jamie/Christine	Silhol, Karen/Bell, Matt
Cohen, Frances	LeGrow, Serena/Kader, Tarik	Spalding, Larry/Hanyoung
Cohn, Michael/Witkin, Linda	Leventhal, Michael/Allen-Leventhal, Judy	Spute, Mike/Kee, Dana
Collin, Rick/Wheeler, Richard	Lilly, Sara	Stagg, William
Cook-Deegan, Robert/Kathryn	Linde, Bev	Strass, Peter/Erica
DeLeon, Frank/Amity	Livingston, Eric/Sylvia	Straus, Eric
Dickert, Gail/Seltzer, Yanina	Livingston, Paul/Barb	Sullivan, Ed/Michelle
Diehlman, Shirley	Luedtke, Ed/Nagy, Rita	Taylor, Donald/Harriet
Evans, Jon/Alexandra	Mazariegos, Franco/Shawwna	Tesi, Chris/Kathy
Fetter, Stan/Patrice	McCleve, Morgan	Tesi, Patricia
Finger, James/Cox, Carol	McViney, Paul/Elaine	Thompson, Jim
Finkbeiner, Richard/Jeanette	Meads, Keith	Tinsley, James/Vogenitz, Wendy
Fischerkeller, Michael	Miles, Karen/David	Townsend, David/Le Etta
Fishman, Daniel	Mills, Vivian	Turner, Steven/Ikuko
Fremont, Nan/Bergman, Rita	Mitchell, John/Betty	Wagner, Holly
Gandy, Pamela	Mullins, Adam/Katrina	Wareham, Bud/Marilyn
Garcia, Tom/Crystal	Murray, Meredith/Hodavance, Warren	Watts, Eileen
Gaumond, Charles/Ruth	Naar, Alex/Heys, Karen	Weiman, David/Nancy
George, Cliff	Nelson, Phyllis/Donald	Weiss, Ida
Gheen, Bobby/Kelly	Nicholson, Peter/Elizabeth	Welch, Cedric
Gillespie, John/Sara	Nolan, Margaret	Wilk, Sylvia
Gillespie, Laura	Norman, Jane/Jett, Paul	Williams, Fred/Lois Anne
Gillespie, Robert/Charlotte	Osborn, Roger	Wise, Daniel/Wickman, James
Gladson, Judy	Park, Jerry/Mary Jo	Wright, Paul
Gorsuch, Linda/Jackson, John	Parker, Bill/Janet	
Gruwell, Robert/Milena		



– CGH

Brendan Guy Watts

Overlook's Brendan Watts, life-long local, now travels the forests and streams above.

Brendan Guy Watts of Accokeek died at his home on June 30, 2020. He was 53 years old.

Brendan was a native of the Moyaone Reserve, raised in the home his parents built and where his mother still lives. He loved exploring the woods and streams on the Maryland shore of the Potomac. He spent his childhood summers at the Moyaone Pool and was a record-holding member of the Accokeek Swim Team.

Brendan earned a BS in Construction Management from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He was a carpenter and contractor. Truly a craftsman, his work was both creative and meticulous.

Brendan was proud of the many projects he worked on, including building his own home in Port Tobacco, MD. But more than anything else, he was most proud of his twin children – Sydney and Kyle.

Brendan is survived by his children Sydney of Beltsville, MD and Kyle of Lincoln Park, Michigan, and their mother Christina Watts; his mother Eileen Watts of Accokeek; his sister Kirsten Watts (Shane LaBrake) of Accokeek; sister Erin Watts and her sons Nathan and Dylan of Timonium, MD; and brother Ian Watts (Tanya Bub) and their children Anouk and Arlo of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. He is predeceased by his father Gordon Watts.

He was a man of many interests, but his passion was spending time on the water in a canoe or kayak, fishing from the shore, and camping with his children.

A small private memorial was held in August. Those who wish may consider making a donation in Brendan's name to the many aquatic causes he supported, such as AMPCreeks Council, the Mattawoman Watershed Society, and The Port Tobacco River Conservancy.

Please Say "Thank You" to the Pool Staff

The pool staff has worked hard this year to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Given the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, this has not always been easy. We have been operating at one-quarter capacity with requirements for maintaining social distancing and for wearing masks when social distancing is not possible. Not everyone agrees with these restrictions, but these are the conditions under which the Health Department allowed us to open. The staff have done their best to enforce these rules, but they also need support from parents. It is confusing to children when they are required to mask and social distance within the pool gates but are allowed to interact freely when on the grounds.

Given the restrictions under which we are operating and the increased levels of stress we are all experiencing, tempers have sometimes flared. Nevertheless, the guards have at all times maintained a professional demeanor. Frankly, I think they have done a pretty darned good job.

The guards are Red Cross trained and certified in lifesaving, first aid, CPR, and AED. They are here to keep us safe and to deal with emergencies. They should be respected for their professionalism.

Not only do they sit in the guard chairs for hours every day in temperatures that frequently exceed 90 to 100 degrees on the deck, they also disinfect touchable surfaces twice a day, scrub the locker rooms every evening, check the bathrooms for cleanliness and supplies every hour and a half, check the chemicals every two hours, and staff the entry desk. They take out the recycling and trash, vacuum the pool, clean scum lines, mow the lawn, weed whack, and fix things when they are broken. And they do it all for little more than minimum wage.

Before the end of the summer, please take the opportunity to say "thank you" to our excellent staff:

Rachel Nueslein, Assistant Manager
Will Micknick, Head Guard
Ava Leblanc, Guard
Kai Kim, Guard
Casey Scott, Guard
Bailey Murray, Guard
Emma Hollyfield, Morning Clean

We were also fortunate enough to hold a lifeguard certification class at the pool this summer, so we have a rising group of newly certified guards who are getting their feet wet acting as sub guards:

Gabby Sullivan
Billy Spruill
Bryce Sullivan
Mikey Micknick
Hailey Gilson

*Thank You,
Rhonda Hanson, Pool Manager*



FocusMusic Proudly Presents a Virtual Evening with Lynn Hollyfield

<https://focusmusic.org/event-3913246>

Details about the show are TBA — but will be available to all! We ask that you donate generously to the performer via paypal.me/FocusMusic and treat it as if you were purchasing a ticket to the event.

"Some artists are known for their voice or their delivery or maybe their songs or for their guitar playing. Lynn is not just 'some artist.' She delivers ALL of these, with depth and clarity, one gorgeous song at a time." — Award Winning-Ruthie Logsdon – Ruthie and the Wranglers

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“Year of Sound” Offers Resources for at-Home Learning

The International Commission for Acoustics (ICA; <https://www.icacommission.org/>) declared 2020 as the International Year of Sound. Several national and international events had been planned, but have been postponed or canceled. One benefit of these closures is the appearance of online lectures and events. The Acoustical Society of America (ASA) has created a website where you can watch talks like “The Acoustics of Social Judgments and Linguistic Profiling” or “Playing with Sound”:

<https://exploresound.org/virtual-events/>

More interesting for some might be the activities and competitions for people of all ages at “Explore Sound!” <https://exploresound.org/international-year-of-sound-2020-with-asa/>

If you’re an educator, there is a web page of lesson plans and activities: <https://exploresound.org/educators-2/>

There are also some recorded talks that have been presented at ASA meetings, from the sounds of bottlenose dolphins to the room acoustics of worship spaces.

— Charles Gaumond
ASA Emeritus (Latin for old) Fellow



Join in the MOYAONE CHALLENGE

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020

Welcome the energy of fall by participating in the Moyaone

Challenge. Compete in the Triathlon, Bike, Swim, or Run challenge. Three different age groups (Youth 10–18, Adult 19–59, Senior 60+) provide opportunities for many winners. All events begin at the Moyaone Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road. All spectators must wear masks.

Triathlon challenge begins at 8 am and includes a 250m (10 lengths) swim, 8km (5 miles) bike ride, and a 2km (1.2 mile) run. Bike helmets are required. Individual or relay teams may enter. *Entry fee \$25.*

Swim challenge begins at approximately 8:15 am. 500m (20 lengths). All strokes accepted, even walking. *Entry fee \$15.*

Biking challenge begins at approximately 8:45 am. 8km (5 miles). Bike helmets are required. *Entry fee \$15.*

Run Challenge begins at approximately 9:00 am. 2km (1.2 miles). *Entry fee \$15.*

YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY. ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2020.

Registration forms are available at the Moyaone Pool or email Mary Lee Phelps at mlgp42@msn.com to request a form. Forms were also in the August issue of *Smoke Signals*. Place completed form and your entry fee in the box at the pool.

Not able to actively participate? Become a sponsor by emailing Mary Lee Phelps at: mlgp42@msn.com.

Moyaone Community Garden ... If you are interested in gardening with us in the upcoming season, please email Crystal Garcia: crystallynngarcia@me.com

We really dig new people!





Photos (above and at right): Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Alice Ferguson Foundation Introduces “Nature Nuts” Play Pods for Children

Join us for **Nature Nuts**, an outdoor play pod program for early childhood and elementary-age students, filled with outdoor adventures, laughter, and learning. Featuring small group play pod options in the morning or afternoon.

<https://fergusonfoundation.org/hard-bargain-farm/kids-programs/>

Many families are trying to figure out what to do to keep their kids safe, active, and healthy socially and emotionally during this pandemic. We have the answer! Students will enjoy outdoor activities focused on being in nature while learning, and engaging in physical activity. Each session will be led by experienced, certified educators. Activities will include discovering the farm, meeting our barnyard animals, diving into scavenger hunts and hiking, becoming a nature detective, exploring plants and pollinators in the children’s garden, exploring the wet meadow and much more.

COVID-19 Safety Measures: All educators will wear masks and we will have daily temperature checks for everyone. Children will wear masks if indoor time is required due to inclement weather. We will have a contactless drop off. Pods will not intermix and will be the same for the duration of the session. The group will be limited to 9 children. COVID-19 CDC and Maryland Early Childhood State Guidelines will be strictly followed and enforced. All families will be expected to sign a waiver and commit to these guidelines. Visit our website for more info.

Work While They Play: Parents and caretakers are invited to stay on site (free wifi available) while the kids are participating in the programs. This is a great option for parents who want to use this time to work, or would like to skip the extra driving.

Nature Nut Wednesdays: Join us every Wednesday for five weeks for this morning or afternoon play pod.

Dates: September 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 14

Morning Session: 9:00–11:30 am

Afternoon Session: 1:00–3:30 pm

Cost: \$125. Save your spot here!

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Nature Nut 5-Week Adventure:

Dates: October 19 — November 20, 2020

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 2-day programs

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 3-day programs

Times:

Morning groups 9–11:30 am; Afternoon groups 3–5:30 pm

Cost: (3-Day) 5 weeks for \$450; (2-Day) 5 weeks for \$300

Adventure starts here!

<https://fergusonfoundation.org/hard-bargain-farm/kids-programs/>

Learn more at: fergusonfoundation.org/kids-programs

If you have any questions, please contact:

bwright@fergusonfoundation.org or call 240-210-4559.

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2201 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek

Virtual Presentations Coming up in September at Accokeek Foundation

— Casey Lowe Harlow
Marketing Manager, Accokeek Foundation

Save the Date for these upcoming virtual presentations from the Accokeek Foundation!

Sunday, September 27. Tobacco Culture and Indigenous Traditions: Explore Maryland tobacco culture and history from an Indigenous perspective,

Wednesday, September 30. Fall Wild Edibles: Learn how to ID and harvest wild edible plants that are in season during the fall. Then explore different ways of preparing and eating each plant.

Registration coming soon! Follow the Accokeek Foundation on Facebook or visit our website for updates about these programs, and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/AccokeekFoundation>
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For more information: Accokeek Foundation, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek; (301) 965-9574