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A Note — from the Moyaone President and the Roads Chair:

— Rose Kim and Stan Fetter
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The past few months have been hard on the Moyaone roads, with heavy rains and heavier traffic as more folks work from home and take deliveries. We thought it was a good time to remind long-time community members and those who are new that keeping our private roads safe and well maintained is everyone's job.

Top Seven Things You Can Do to Maintain Moyaone Roads

7. Keep the culverts under your driveway clear of debris. The Moyaone Association does not consider this area its responsibility to maintain; this is your responsibility as the homeowner. The area is easily maintained by hand, and cannot be done with the large machinery used for community road maintenance.

6. Report any major damages as soon as possible to Stan Fetter, Moyaone Roads Chair (stan@fetter.net). For any minor issues or routine maintenance, requests should go through your neighborhood road representative (see list at right).

5. Remove or cut back any shrubbery/vegetation (from your property) that is hanging over the road or has grown into the ditch line. This is on your property and it's important that you maintain it; the roads team will not go onto your property to prune back vegetation, and they should not be asked to do so.

4. Walk your property and look for any dead, damaged, or leaning trees (or branches) that could potentially fall across the road during a storm or high winds. Plan to have them taken down before damage occurs.

3. If you plan to have repairs or renovations done on your driveway (within 10 feet of the road), please contact Stan Fetter before the work begins. This is especially important if culverts or paving are involved!

2. Respect the 15 MPH speed limit on the private roads. Please ask visitors to do the same.

#1. Pay your community dues -- the best way to ensure your private roads are maintained properly!

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Moyaone Holds Successful Challenge Event

— Rita Bergman, Race Coordinator;
Mary Lee Phelps, Fundraising Chair

It didn't rain after all! After a harrowing six weeks of what seemed like endless, consecutive rainy days, we managed to be treated to a bit of luck in holding a non-rainy outdoor event. The first Moyaone Challenge — a mini-triathlon consisting of a 250m swim, a 10k bike ride, and a 2k sprint/run; a separate run/sprint; and a 500m swim — was sponsored by the Moyaone Fundraising Committee, and held on Sept. 12 under cloudy-only skies. It was our first community event during the period COVID pandemic, and we took the necessary precautions for social distancing and mask wearing to comply with the health guidelines from Prince George's County under Phase II.

We had 29 participants — seniors, over 60 years old; adults 19–60; and young adults 10–18. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet some new neighbors, as well as to see some folks who have been lying low over the last six months due to COVID. See the bottom of the page for the winners in all categories.

Other participants included Erica Barry, Doug Hattaway, Rhonda Scott, Johannes Shotwell, Mateo Zavala, Dave Weiman, Paola Addamiano-Carts, and Maria Femia.

Events like these are the product of many contributors who plan and conduct the activities of the day. This includes Dave Cremer for the graphics design of our signs; Janet Parker for making medals for the winners; program staff including timekeepers; the Fundraising Committee members (Ruth Gaumont, Rhonda Hanson, Betty Mitchell, Anne Stokes, and Nancy Weiman) and many others who contributed in a variety of ways. Thank you all for your community spirit and donation of your time, talents, and energy.

We also wanted to acknowledge donations from several sponsors: Carol Cox and James Finger; Lynn and John Hollyfield; Judy Allen-Leventhal; Janet and Bill Parker; Gwen and Larry Peters.

Pictures are courtesy of Anne Stokes and Rose Kim.



Our family sends a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with the Moyaone Challenge! Our family had a blast, and what a tremendous community effort! So many contributed (medals, timing, course setup, registration, & more!)—everyone gave what they could! Our kids came away wanting to do more races! But we're most grateful for the warm welcome to the neighborhood! We LOVED the event, & we're thrilled to be new neighbors! Thank you!

The Bennetts
Thann
Brooke
Jude
Hope
Wrigley (the pup)
Geambell

See more photos from the Moyaone Challenge event on page 3.

Event	Age Category	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Triathlon	Senior	Matt Schwaller	Sheryl Romeo	n/a
	Adult	Thann Bennett	Bill Scott	James O'Donnell
	Young Adult	Josef Shotwell	Max Liddy	Will Liddy
Swim	Senior	Nancy Weiman	John Mitchell	Rhonda Hanson
	Adult	Ian Davis	Karen Heys	Sarah Pollack
	Young Adult	Jude Bennett	n/a	n/a
Sprint/Run	Senior	Lona Powell	Peggy Reichard and Joe Barry tied	n/a
	Adult	Brooke Bennett	n/a	n/a
	Young Adult	Jude Bennett	Hope Bennett	Brett Bennett



Potter Jan Parker made the awesome medals for the Challenge. Photos above and top: Rose Kim.

Triathlon, Swimming, and Running Events at First-ever Moyaone Challenge



Photos: Anne Stokes.



STEM Team Tests Propulsion System in Moyaone Pool

— *Kids Into Discovering Science*

Kids Into Discovering Science (KIDS), a Charles County based nonprofit fostering hands-on K-12 learning in STEM and project management, has been working on a human-powered submarine throughout the COVID-19 quarantine. After months of virtual meetings and socially distanced work sessions, the group was able to test the youth-designed propulsion system in the Moyaone Association pool over Labor Day weekend. The test was a success!

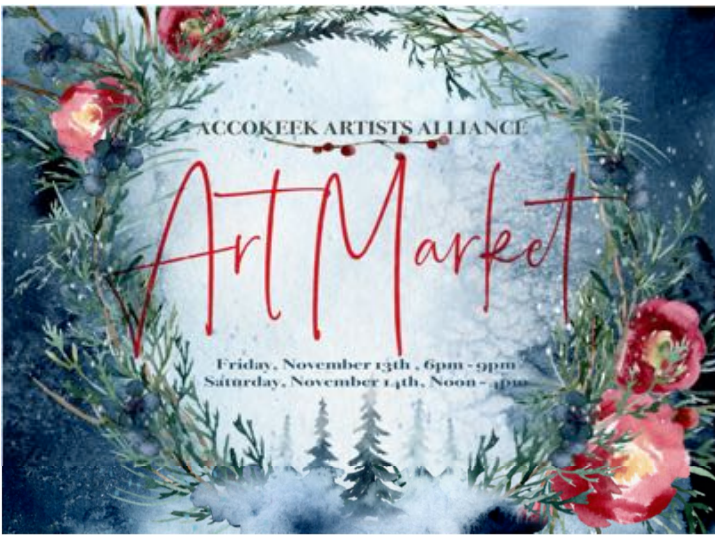
KIDS has fielded several entries in the International Submarine Races (ISR), held biennially at Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock's David Taylor Model Basin. The races attract dozens of teams, mostly from colleges and universities, from all over the world. A few high school teams also participate. KIDS has been the only Independent (not affiliated with a school) team in recent races. KIDS member youth come from Charles County, Prince George's County and even a few students from Fairfax County, and represent public, private, and home schools.

At the last ISR, the gauntlet was laid down by US Navy personnel to develop non propeller propulsion systems for ISR entries. KIDS youth took up the challenge, looking at nature and human movement to develop a novel propulsion system. The Moyaone Pool test demonstrated that the design could work. The test also gave the youth an opportunity to work together as a team, something that has been challenging during COVID-19 restrictions.

In addition to the human-powered submarine team, KIDS has fielded rocketry, robotics and soap box derby teams. They have also built and tested Sea Perch and Sea Glide underwater vehicles and worked on Arduino projects. KIDS has hosted or co-hosted a number of outreach events including take-it-apart days, library STEM programs, a Sea Perch competition, community presentations, and a number of hands-on science events.

For more information about the organization, please visit the Kids Into Discovering Science website, kidsinscience.org, or their facebook page. KIDS can also be reached via email: p.addamiano-carts@kidsinscience.org.

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A future star on the Moyaone calendar? Photo by Rose Kim.

Accokeek Artists Alliance Art Market — not to be missed!

November 13, Friday evening, 6–9 pm and
November 14, Saturday afternoon, noon–4 pm



A dozen talented and diverse Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) artists will be selling work inside the Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. Paintings, ceramics, sculpture, turned wooden bowls,

photography and more — all bases covered.

On Friday evening, drinks and a bonfire will add to the holiday cheer. Masks and timed, limited entries to the Market will be required to keep everyone safe.

Please note there is still time for both non-AAA artists and AAA artists to participate in this art market. The deadline for submission of images and application for the sale is October 16. If you are not an AAA member and would like to participate in it, you need to join AAA first. Email accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com for a member application and explain in your email that you would like to sell your art at the November sale. If you are a member already and want to participate, just send email of intent to accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com and you will receive instructions.

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MAKE YOUR PET FAMOUS

Enter your pet to be featured on the *2021 Pets of Moyaone Calendar*. It is easy to enter. Simply submit a high-resolution closeup photo of your pet to petsofmoyaone@gmail.com. Include your name and the name of your pet. Entries must be received by October 18, 2020. Limit one entry per family.

All pets are eligible — a frog, rabbit, or jabberwocky could be a star.

2021 Calendars will be on sale in November. Proceeds from sales will be used for improvements to the Moyaone Commons.

Real Estate Comings and Goings

Say hello to the new folks in the neighborhood and tip your hats to those who moved out.

Michael Roovhvarg is the new owner of 2510 Colonial Road, previously owned by John Brueggeman.

Bob and Krisztina Ware are the new owners of 2610 Bryan Point Road. This house has been owned on and off by Dot and Scott Odell, is over 100 years old, and has been rented by multiple current Moyaone owners before the owners permanently moved to the neighborhood.

Michael Williams and Drue Pearce sold their house with one of the best views in the community to Michael Lynette and his wife, Marshad Haeri.

Please welcome them all.

— Sheryl Romeo
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Fall Activities at the Accokeek Foundation

— Casey Lowe Harlow
Marketing Manager, Accokeek Foundation

AF Virtual Events

Tuesday Tobacco Talks. Starts Oct. 20, 7–8 pm.
\$10/session or \$35 for all 4 sessions.

It's impossible to explore the history and heritage of the Tidewater Potomac region and not talk about tobacco. So that's what we're going to do. Join us from 7–8 pm on Tuesdays this fall to talk about tobacco. We're going to dig deep into how this plant horn-wormed its way into our lives and shaped the land and the culture of the place that we call home.

There will be four Tuesday Tobacco Talks:

Oct. 20: *Planting Power: Tobacco as a Status Indicator in the 18th Century*

Nov. 10: *A Scientific Study of Sot-Weed*

Nov. 17: *Buyouts and Beauty Queens: Tobacco Culture in the 20th Century*

Nov. 24: *Sacred Tobacco: A Native Plant*

More information at:

<https://34488.blackbaudhosting.com/34488/Tobacco-Talk-Tuesdays>

Come Dye With Us. Sat., Oct. 24, 10–11 am.

\$10/registration

"Come Dye with Us" virtually at the Accokeek Foundation as we take our fall "Hands on History" experience online. Registered participants will receive a dye kit in the mail featuring our very own Hog Island wool to actively dye along with our Stitch 'n Time volunteer team. Explore the world of natural dyeing using native dyestuff from Piscataway Park such as Prairie Sumac and Pokeberry. We will be discussing both the Indigenous, colonial, and modern uses of these natural dyes, as together we embrace the world of color. We're just 'dyeing' to have you! Registration closes Oct. 10.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/353617315841950/>

Twilight Tales: The Movie. Streaming Oct. 24–31.
\$12 to download

When the sun goes down, the National Colonial Farm transforms from a typical middling tobacco farm to one of unexplainable occurrences.

Save the date for the release of *Twilight Tales: The Movie*. This year's spooky tour of the National Colonial Farm after dark will be available to download and stream at home Oct. 24–31. Follow us on Facebook for sneak peeks leading up to the release: <https://www.facebook.com/AccokeekFoundation/>

Volunteer: Shoreline Clean-Up

We are so grateful to the Shoreline Cleanup volunteers for their hard work keeping our environment healthy. Folks like the spring Watershed Cleanup volunteers work their tails off to keep Piscataway Park's shoreline trash-free. However, we don't currently have any regular shoreline volunteers.

If you're looking for something to do on-site with minimal contact with staff/other people, flexible shifts, and you love being outdoors, this might be a good position for you. Great for youth and adults (if you can walk to our shoreline and don't mind bending over) this position is open to all.

For more info, or questions, contact Kaylin (volunteers@accokeek.org). Bring your own supplies, to limit contact concerns, and leave the collected trash in bags by the Visitor Center.

Join the Accokeek Foundation's Board of Trustees!

As a member of our Accokeek Foundation community, we want to invite you to learn about joining our Board of Trustees!

The Accokeek Foundation's Board of Trustees manages all facets of organizational governance and financial oversight. And we are now recruiting community members interested in volunteer service.

Join us virtually on Oct. 7 at 7 pm to learn about the Foundation, our work, and vision for the future. There is no commitment required to attend. And if you can't attend but are interested, email development@accokeek.org.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/36rdLSb>. We hope to see you then!

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



Photo: Alice Ferguson Foundation.

AFF “Nature Nuts” Play Pods Offer Outdoor Fun for Kids

Our first Nature Nuts session is under way at the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF, 2201 Bryan Point Rd.)! At the Farm, children enjoy the magic of the outdoors, take a much-needed break from their computer screens, and safely interact with new friends.

Are your children nuts about nature?

Join us for our next session of Nature Nuts!
Session Dates: Oct. 21, 28 and Nov. 4, 11, 18
Session Times: 9–11:30 am; or 1–3 pm
Ages: 4 and up; *Cost:* \$125/child
Parents and Caretakers: You are invited to stay on site (free wifi available) while they play. Feel free to use this time to work, take a walk, or skip the extra driving

Safety is our number one priority. Learn more about our COVID-19 Safety Measures, as well as to save your spot for Session II at:

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

Visit Us

We’ve reopened our gates for small groups to enjoy fun, recreational activities during two-hour visits. Choose from visiting our barnyard and meeting our barnyard animals, taking a nature walk or habitat hike with an educator, or learning outdoor survival skills. It’s a great way to get outside, discover something new, or commemorate a birthday or special occasion.

Dates are available throughout the year. \$15 per person, with a 4-person minimum. Schedule your visit at:
<https://fergusonfoundation.org/visit-us/>

Help Keep Our Community Clean

Since AFF was unable to host our large cleanup events this past spring, we are encouraging individuals and families to hold their own cleanups around their neighborhoods. Those who register their cleanups with us will receive free trash bags and gloves. To register your own cleanup, contact Samantha Battersby at potomaccleanup@fergusonfoundation.org or call (301) 292-5665 ext. 214.

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2201 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek
fergusonfoundation.org
<https://www.facebook.com/alicefergusonfoundation>



Maryland’s State Tree Nursery Now Accepting Orders

The Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources’ John S. Ayton State Tree Nursery is now open and accepting online orders for spring planting. See: nursery.dnr.maryland.gov

The nursery is excited to offer several new species this year, along with its usual selections, to suit individual planting needs.

Seedlings are not reserved until payment is received, so please place orders and make payment arrangements as soon as possible. The nursery anticipates that seedlings will be selling quickly and it is first come, first served!

Checks and all major credit cards are accepted. If you order online, an invoice will be emailed to you. Add: seedlingsales.dnr@maryland.gov to your contact list so correspondence does not get labeled as spam.

You may either return the invoice with your check or credit card information, or call 800-873-3763, between 7 am and 3 pm, Monday–Friday. Credit cards will not be charged until the seedlings are shipped in the spring. Orders to be paid by check will be canceled if payment is not received within 10 days of invoice receipt.

Moyaone Volunteers Work to Beautify Moyaone Commons

Volunteers are putting the ornamental flower beds to sleep for the winter and planting additions for spring. Hellebores, donated from Rhonda Hanson's and Rita Campbell's gardens, are soon to be planted on the south and east sides of the community building. Evergreen, they'll flower in mid-winter and spread enough along the foundation to cheer up the building and mitigate runoff from the roof in heavy storms. And the more they spread, the fewer weeds our volunteers need to remove! Speak encouragingly and admiringly to the plants as you go by.

The chain link fence at the pool has always attracted nuisance vines such as wild grape, bittersweet, and honeysuckle that twine around and around the links. They are a lovely green, but don't seem to bloom for us and love to climb into the shrubs near the baby pool. We are fortunate that the vine clematis has taken over, producing beautiful white blooms in mid-August. We are unfortunate in that they produce many seeds that root in the grass and, when mowed, turn into stubble to stab bare feet.

This year, volunteers have managed to cut back the clematis before the seeds ripen. This not only prevents painful bare feet but also cuts down on the annual mass of unsightly dead vines, which the next year's growth clings to. Now we only have to get the cajillion plants out of the lawn, one at a time. Judy Allen-Leventhal and Janet Murphy have been enhancing our views and protecting our feet.

If you have plants to donate, or would enjoy working periodically with other gardeners, we would love to expand our repertoire. Call or email Holly Wagner: (hbwagner1215@gmail.com; 301-292-5767)

Thank you

to all who turned out to put the cover on the pool and to put the pool to bed for the winter:

Marty & Paola Carts
Robert Cook-Deegan
Ben Grenoble
Rob & Mlena Gruwell
Rhonda Hanson
Kent Hibben
JJ Jackson
Rose & Steve Kim
John & Betty Mitchell
Marylee Phelps
Ron Pollack
Lona Powell
Bill Robertson & Anne Stokes
Ikuko Turner
Holly Wagner

A Huge Thank-you and Why I'm So Lucky to Live in the Moyaone

— Rhonda Hanson

None of us expects to have a sudden debilitating illness, especially in the absence of any obvious risk factors. I don't have high cholesterol, keep my blood pressure under control, eat a healthy diet, exercise regularly, and generally lead an active life. So when I had a stroke on Aug. 28, I was shocked. And yet lucky. The community rallied behind me, in myriad ways that make me grateful to live in such an amazing community. And so I want to say thank-you:

To the lap swimmers who called the ambulance and for their generosity and support: John and Betty Mitchell, Bill Robertson, Michelle Sullivan, Ruth and Charlie Gaumond, Matt Schwaller, Linda Gorsuch, Dave and Nancy Weiman, Rhonda and Bill Scott, and Janet Parker.

To Anne and Bill, who ensured I would have a clean and orderly house to come home to, who shopped for groceries, and who checked on me every morning;

To Mary Lee, who organized the neighbors who brought me dinner every evening: Linda Cohn, Nancy Weiman, Sue Jones, Paola Carts, Janet Parker, Ikuko Turner, Bill Robertson, Tina Shotwell, John and Betty Mitchell, Crystal Garcia, Rita and Nan, Tammy Thompson, Peggy Reichard, Karen Kirkup, and Sigrid Kagle. Your meals were nutritious and delicious!

To Tina Shotwell, who supplied me with a tableful of manipulatives, while I was waiting for physical therapy; and Nancy and David, who encouraged me to swim and picked me up every morning;

To Madeline Kochen, Holly Wagner, and Nancy Weiman, who became my advocates as I attempted to deal with a frustrating health care bureaucracy;

To Tina, Mary Lee, Nancy, Holly, and Madeline, who picked me up from the hospital, picked up records, and ferried me back and forth to doctor's appointments;

To Tammy and Warren, who walked my dog, Zoey, 5 miles/day and continue to do so;

To Holly, who weeded my garden;

To the Cohns, who delivered my paper to my door and took out my trash and recycling;

I want to say thank-you.

I cannot imagine how much more difficult if not impossible, my life, post stroke, would have been if not for the many kindnesses of friends and neighbors. Thank God for the Moyaone, a truly caring community where neighbors support and look out for each other.