

# Smoke Signal



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**President's Note:**  
**A Word About Moyaone  
Association Consolidated Fees**

— Rose Kim  
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Dear Neighbors,

It's 2021 (finally!) and time to pay your annual Moyaone Reserve Association dues.

Our Association dues are low: owners of lots with homes on them still pay \$770/year (or \$2.11/day – a cup of coffee!), while owners of unimproved lots pay only \$150/year. We'd appreciate your payment (or a commitment to pay by scheduling automatic installments) by February 14. If you have questions about annual dues and payment options, our comptroller, Paola Addamiano-Carts ([MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com](mailto:MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com)), would be happy to answer them.

Why should you pay your share of the Moyaone Association's benefits through your dues? Among the many reasons: Those private roads you drive home on are smoothed by contracted labor and the voluntary efforts of some of your neighbors. Those summer afternoons you enjoy at the pool are made possible by many more volunteer hours and payments the Association makes to keep our community assets up and running. The respite we've all found here during the COVID crisis relies on a shared commitment to maintaining our lovely, unique Moyaone Reserve.

If we all paid our dues, we'd have an annual budget of over \$145,500. That would buy a lot of road improvements and upgrades to our pool, picnic areas, and community buildings.

The Association takes its fiduciary responsibilities very seriously. Our annual budget is measured and frugal, based on the belief that the best way to keep expenses low is to plan steady maintenance rather than react to crises. But that

budget relies entirely on you, your neighbors, and the voluntary membership dues we are now asking you to pay.

We also understand that everyone's circumstances are different and ever changing (especially these past few months). So even if you can't pay your full dues, please consider contributing some amount. Let your conscience be your guide.

As always, if you have any questions/comments about the Association, the 2021 budget, membership fees, or any other Moyaone Reserve issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

[moyaonepresident@gmail.com](mailto:moyaonepresident@gmail.com)

I sincerely hope that you will support your neighborhood, one we all love so much, by committing to pay your Association dues. Please see page 2 for the form for the Annual Residential Consolidated Fee, and page 3 for owners of unimproved lots.

Sincerely,

Rose Kim  
President, Moyaone Association

## Moyaone Association Board of Directors

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PO Box 113  
Accokeek, MD 20607  
[www.moyaone.org](http://www.moyaone.org)

### 2021 Moyaone Membership Dues Invoice

2021 Annual Residential Consolidated Fee for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$770 Lot with Residence**

#### **Your Annual Consolidated Fee Covers the Following:**

- Roads maintenance & grading services, ensuring safety and accessibility for all residents and emergency vehicles.
- Snow removal for all of our roads.
- Access to the Wagner Community Center including playground, covered pavilion, outdoor kitchen, picnic area, basketball court & playing fields. Membership includes one free rental of the Community building each year. Complimentary WiFi is available at the pool, community center and parking lot, maintenance of the building and grounds.
- Membership to the Community Swimming Pool for the entire household. Pool maintenance, water quality and safety. Our pool hosts the AST Gators Swim Team. The pool attracts families to the Moyaone Reserve and makes it a more desirable place to live.
- One vote per household on all matters brought to a vote by the Moyaone Association.
- Moyaone community garden membership (space-available basis).
- Subscription to Smoke Signals, the monthly community newsletter.

#### **Payment Methods**

##### Single Payment:

- Check mailed to the Moyaone Association, PO Box 113, Accokeek, MD 20607
- Venmo Payment @moyaonecomptroller
- Membership single payments are due by February 28, 2021

##### Ten Payment Plan:

- Ten (10) ACH payments of \$77 can be made monthly from February to November. Please contact Paola Addamiano-Carts at [MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com](mailto:MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com) to arrange.

Please note that those who registered for automatic bank withdrawals (ACH) in 2020 may be automatically registered for 2021.

Questions? Contact Moyaone Comptroller, Paola Addamiano-Carts.  
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### 2021 Moyaone Membership Dues Invoice

2021 Annual Unimproved Lot Consolidated Fee for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$150 Lot without a residence**

#### Your Annual Consolidated Fee Covers the Following:

- Roads maintenance & grading services, ensuring safety and accessibility for all residents and emergency vehicles.
- Snow removal for all of our roads.
- Access to the Wagner Community Center including playground, covered pavilion, outdoor kitchen, picnic area, basketball court & playing fields. Complimentary WiFi is available at the pool, community center and parking lot. Maintenance of the building and grounds.
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**Leo Thomas Powell, Jr.**  
1935 – 2020

Leo Thomas Powell, Jr. ("Tom") of Accokeek, Maryland, passed away at his home on December 9, 2020, following a brief battle with cancer. He was born on September 23, 1935 in Dover, New Jersey and graduated from Mountain Lakes High School where he lettered in track, football, and basketball. He continued his education at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was on the varsity track team. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958.

After graduating from the Naval Academy, Tom did not receive a commission for physical reasons although he ran track for four years. He joined International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation in July 1958, and worked in Cuba and later in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 1960, Tom began working for Westinghouse Electric Corporation as a field engineer specializing in shipboard electronics. He loved his time at sea repairing and testing radar where he could readily support the Navy. In 1963 he took a position with the Naval Electronics Maintenance Engineering Center in Norfolk, where he met and married Katherine Gardner ("Kay"). Soon afterward Tom and Kay moved to Washington, D.C. where he took a position with the Naval Electronic Systems Command.

Tom and Kay built their home on West Auburn Road and moved to the Moyaone in 1968. Tom was fortunate to know many of the first residents and was encouraged to become active in the community. He took the invitation seriously and served as Roads Chair for many years. Even after he left that position, he could be seen clearing culverts. As Moyaone Comptroller he guided the Board in the selection of a new accountant and investment advisor. While on the Moyaone Public Affairs Committee he headed the group fighting airplane noise and then served as the Prince George's County representative to the Washington Metropolitan Council of Government's Public Advisory Committee, dealing with FAA plans to expand National Airport and control aircraft noise.

Tom supported his wife Kay during her tenure as Director of the Alice Ferguson Foundation by serving on the financial committee. Together with another Moyaone resident, he designed and proposed the Piscataway Park Boardwalk that now provides for public access to the Potomac River (not to mention the many years he assisted the Foundation's Oktoberfest kitchen crew!).

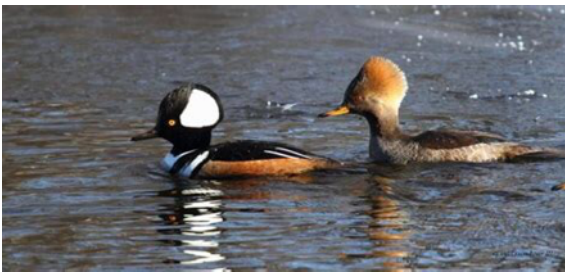
After earning a Bachelor of Administration from the University of Maryland in 1981 he left civil service for a new venture in accounting as a CPA. After ten years Tom switched careers again to join a team of scientists working to protect our airways at the Aviation Security Research and Development Service at the FAA Technical Center in New Jersey. He returned to Washington in 1993 to serve as Chief of the Security Division for the Director of Intelligence and Security under the Secretary of Transportation where he retired in April 1994.

Tom is survived by his wife of 56 years, Kay, his three children, Leo Thomas Powell, III, Laura Elizabeth Powell Price, Roger Andrew Powell, son-in-law Todd Price, grandson Liam Thomas Price, sister-in-law Carol Powell and nephew David Powell. He was predeceased by his brother Richard.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Tom's name to the Alice Ferguson Foundation in Accokeek or the Admiral Larson Ethical Leadership Fund at the USNA Foundation, Annapolis.

Tom's ashes will be laid to rest at the United States Naval Academy Columbarium in Annapolis, Maryland.





## **PONDERINGS**

*Observations from the boardwalk near Alice Ferguson Foundation's farm*

It was Monday, Dec 21, 2020 and overcast at the beaver pond. Chilly air cooled my coffee as I balanced my binoculars and the gate lock. No spills today. Resting quietly were two pairs of hooded mergansers and a fifth wheel trying hard to be part of the clique. The fifth diving duck had the same build but a different outfit. He/she was brown to the neck, with an ash gray body and a black chest and tail. The bird book says it is a redhead but there are other possibilities. The hooded merganser males' bright white heads caught my eye as I slowed around the big curve. I thought they might be baffle heads. But a good study through binoculars showed narrow white stripes across the



face and really distinct black geometric angled markings on their lower back. It was as the fifth wheel moseyed toward the group that the two males raised their baffles to almost fully cover their cheeks with bright white. They swam toward the redhead to shoo it away but didn't seem too serious about it. The redhead continued to swim around on the

periphery of the group about five feet away until I left about 8 am. Returning around 5 pm in the twilight, I saw only the lonely redhead swimming in the cove and blending much better into the dusk. It was still. No action anywhere on the pond. I walked toward the canal where the beavers have begun a new lodge opposite to the lodge that has been there since before the eclipse. It was quiet on that stretch of pond too. Suddenly a tail slapped the water. It was a gentle slap. Must have been one of the newer kits. The young seem to emerge first each evening and there is a new baby lodge that looks almost like a homework assignment further along the pond. Later as it grew increasingly too dark to see, I could make out the distinct v-shaped ribbons in the pond of a beaver swimming. It popped out on a dead stump in the middle and groomed itself while the redhead still circled alone in the background. Thank you to all those who have contributed time and effort to preserving these special places of nature so integral to our Moyaone.

— Walden

## **Dear Neighbors,**

We'd like to wish you a Happy New Year from all of us here at the **Accokeek Foundation**. Thank you for your generous support of the Foundation, its education programs, and its stewardship work in Piscataway Park throughout the past year. We hope you continue to enjoy the park and the healing power of nature and we look forward to seeing you and your families in 2021.



Follow us on social media ([Facebook](#)! [Twitter](#)! [Instagram](#)) or [sign up for our newsletter](#) for updates about new and returning programs and events this year and beyond, or reach out to us at [info@accokeek.org](mailto:info@accokeek.org).

*Sincerely,  
Your friends at the Accokeek Foundation*

*For more information: Accokeek Foundation, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek; (301) 965-9574, [accokeekfoundation.org](http://accokeekfoundation.org)*

## **Updates from the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources**

### **COVID-19 Update**

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the Maryland Department of Natural Resources has taken emergency measures to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The latest information on Governor Hogan's actions and guidance to protect yourself and others can be found on the [Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery](#) website page. [Masks on, Maryland!](#)

Visit our website for the latest [update regarding Maryland's opportunities for outdoor recreation](#) to follow guidelines on the safe enjoyment of our natural resources.

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 Department of Health website](#).

**Think Spring! Trees Available for Spring Planting**  
[Place your order for trees and shrubs today!](#) The state tree nursery's online seedling catalog is now open and accepting orders for spring planting at [nursery.dnr.maryland.gov](http://nursery.dnr.maryland.gov).

Trees benefit the environment and enhance natural habitat for wildlife. Almost all trees and shrubs available for sale are native, and many are also pollinator-friendly.



## Accokeek Artists Alliance Looks Toward Spring

Friendly reminder to sign up for your 2021 AAA membership NOW by going to our website, [accokeekartistsalliance.com](http://accokeekartistsalliance.com). If you sign up before the end of this month, you get the discounted rate of \$25 for individual artist or \$40 for a household (18+). You can now fill out your application form online AND use PayPal if you choose. Checks always welcome, too.

The AAA is starting this new year with several fun event plans. For February, we'll have a Valentine's Day art exchange. Donate an artwork and receive one from another in return. Details forthcoming.

For April, we are hoping to have an all-inclusive outdoor art fair on the grounds of Hard Bargain Farm. Both AAA members and non-members can rent space, set up tables or booths, and sell their handmade goods. We'll have health and safety measures in place to protect all.

The deadline for the February issue of *Smoke Signals* is Wednesday, February 3. Please send your submissions to Editor Ruth Gaumond at: [moyaonene@gmail.com](mailto:moyaonene@gmail.com)



## Lynn Hollyfield Virtual Concert to Benefit Ft. Washington Food Pantry

Friday, Jan 22, 7–8 pm

Via ZOOM and streamed live to FACEBOOK

The concert will be filled with uplifting, inspiring songs of hope and light.

With the ongoing pandemic, the reports of families in need are growing. We can see the long lines at food donation sites and with that, I would like to help support our local food pantry. All proceeds from this concert will go to the Fort Washington Food Pantry. Please spread the word to help make this a great success!

Your donations can be made:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/LynnHollyfield>

### ZOOM login info:

Lynn Hollyfield is inviting you to a Benefit Concert for the Fort Washington Food Pantry, Friday, 1/22/21, 7–8 pm.

Topic: Benefit Concert for the Fort Washington Food Bank

Time: Jan 22, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84244743780?pwd=RHICUWRPTjNoSW82SWJEUzBQUkd0QT09>

Meeting ID: 842 4474 3780

Passcode: 007122

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## AFF Annual Meeting on January 31 New Nature Nuts Sessions Set for Spring

### Member Meeting Reminder

The 67th Annual Member Meeting of the Alice Ferguson Foundation will be held virtually on Sunday, January 31 beginning at 2 pm. Join us to connect with our staff and board members. The meeting will feature highlights of our new programs and plans for 2021. Let us know you'll be joining us by RSVP'ing [here](#).

If you would like to join the Foundation or renew your membership, you can do so [here](#).

### Nature Nuts Registration is Open

Our Nature Nuts Wednesdays are making a return this spring with three outdoor adventure sessions!

- Session 3: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7
- Session 4: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19
- Session 5: May 25, June 2, 9, 16, 23

We welcome all young explorers ages 4 and up. Sessions feature a morning or afternoon option. Cost is \$125 per child (\$75 per additional child after the first registration). Email Brenda Wright, [bwright@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:bwright@fergusonfoundation.org), to reserve your spot.

### Visit the Farm

A new year calls for new adventures and fun for all. Bundle up and come to Hard Bargain Farm to visit with our farm animals, take a nature hike, or explore the sights and sounds of birds in our area. Make it your New Year's resolution to enjoy the outdoors, together. Schedule a visit [here](#). We can't wait to see you at the Farm!

For more information: Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2201 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek; [fergusonfoundation.org](http://fergusonfoundation.org)

## Contact Information: County Taxes and Local Organizations

1) Here are the web links for tax information for Prince George's and Charles counties:

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/fiscal-and-administrative-services/treasury-taxes/your-taxes>

<http://taxinquiry.princegeorgescountymd.gov/TaxInquiry.aspx>

2) Here is contact information for our local, partnering organizations:

**Accokeek Foundation (AF)** <https://www.accokeek.org/> An anchor to the past, partnering with MVLA, AFF, and MA to shape our scenic easements toward our tomorrows.

**Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department 24** <https://www.pgvolunteers.org/departments/accokeek-volunteer-fire-department/> Volunteering to save homeowners and homes.

**Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF)** <https://fergusonfoundation.org/> Connecting children of all ages with farm, field, and forest

**AMP Creeks Council** <http://s525533305.onlinehome.us/> Coordinates actions helping the health of Accokeek, Mattawoman, and Piscataway creeks

**Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department** <https://brvfd.com/> Teams with AVFD24

**Conservancy for Charles County** <http://conservecharles.org/> Through donated conservation easements, helps protect Moyaone Reserve's southern flank

**Friends of the Accokeek Library** <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofaccokeeklibrary/> Can you read this email? 'nuff said ;-)

**Greater Accokeek Civic Association** <https://accokeekcivic.wixsite.com/website> Advancing civic and social betterment of Accokeek residents

**Indian Head Highway Area Action Council** <https://www.ihhaac.org/> Helping shape legislation of land use along the 210 corridor.

**Mattawoman Watershed Society** <http://www.mattawomanwatershedsociety.org/> Focuses on environmental health of our area waters

**Mount Vernon Ladies Association (MVLA)** <https://www.mountvernon.org/preservation/mount-vernon-ladies-association> Partners in stewarding the Mount Vernon Viewshed

**Moyaone Association (MA)** [www.moyaone.org](http://www.moyaone.org) (Y)our collection of houses and forest reaches bound together; welcoming landowners' engagement in all seasons

The MA partners with each of these organizations, year-in and -out, to retain our ability to effectively engage in matters of mutual interest. Please know that the MA's annual membership in each of these organizations serves well at that macro-level. For each household, further individual memberships are encouraged. So many to choose from .... I'd suggest a recurrent membership with the four organizations in our historic triumvirate (MVLA, AF, AFF, and MA), and then annually rotating your membership to your choice of these other stellar folks.

Read about our history. *The Moyaone Reserve* (TMR), *The Possible Dream* (TPD), *Adventures in Southern Maryland* (ASM), *Hard Bargain Adventures* (HBA), and *After Alice* are available: Contact [KentLHibben@gmail.com](mailto:KentLHibben@gmail.com) for TMR, [ABarnes@accokeek.org](mailto:ABarnes@accokeek.org) for TPD, [TAvvenire@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:TAvvenire@fergusonfoundation.org) for ASM or HBA, and [KGardinerPowell@gmail.com](mailto:KGardinerPowell@gmail.com) for *After Alice*.

**Welcoming questions or info, 24/7/365**

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**Moyaone Association Public Affairs**