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President's Note:

Springtime Improvements; May 15 Moyaone Assn. Membership Meeting

— Rose Kim

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As I write this, spring in Accokeek has arrived on chilly winds. Spring brings activity to the Moyaone Community Commons. I hope you will take the opportunity to visit the Commons area to see the wonderful projects happening there. Antonia Bookbinder and Alex Naar, along with other volunteers, have taken on the invasive plants that have overrun the forested area surrounding the soccer field. They have been clearing the invasives and replanting natives. See page 4 for more details. The Community Gardeners, led by Karen Heys, Ikuko Turner, and Linda Witkin, have also been busy replanting and refreshing their plots. Holly Wagner is leading a group of volunteers in replacing trees and plants around the Wagner Community Center with native species. Roots of the old plantings were beginning to damage the building's foundation.

The Commons isn't the only place in the Moyaone where things are happening. Stan Fetter, Moyaone Road's Chair, has secured piping and will begin much needed drainage work on various roads in the community. This important infrastructure project will help curtail the flooding and erosion of our roads. It will be done based on need and the cooperation of Mother Nature. As a reminder, the best way to help preserve our roads is by driving slowly and respectfully on our dirt roads.

The projects mentioned and others that we hope and dream about are made possible in two ways: community volunteers and membership dues. Both are vital to the well-being and stewardship of this community. A very special thank you to those who give of your time and money to support your community.

The Moyaone Association is obligated per the Bylaws to host

two annual meetings: a December budget meeting and a May Membership meeting. The purpose of the May meeting is to approve new Board officers and review the state of the Association. The 2020 meetings were done via email due to COVID restrictions. This year, we plan to host the May meeting on Saturday, May 15 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm at the Hollyfield Family Pavilion at the Community Commons (2311 Bryan Point Road) with a cocktail hour to follow. Please look for details via a future email from the Moyaone Secretary, Lona Powell.

For those of you who are newer to the community, the Moyaone membership meetings are open to all Full Members (property with a residence who have paid dues in full or committed to an ACH plan of \$770) and Associate Members (landowners who have paid dues of \$150). Full Members are allowed one vote per household at the meeting regardless of how many properties are owned. Associate Members do not have a vote. If a Full Member is unable to attend, a proxy ballot may be sent with a neighbor or emailed to the Moyaone Secretary. (Lona will include a proxy ballot with her email announcement.) Your proxy is important, not just because of your vote, but often, it has allowed us to reach a meeting quorum. A Moyaone Association meeting quorum equals one-third of the paid Full membership. Only Full Members in good standing are permitted a vote

Last but not least — many of you have paid your 2021 membership dues — THANK YOU! However, there are still a whole lot of you who haven't yet. Please consider supporting your community by paying your dues. If paying is a hardship, please consider a donation. We live in a beautiful, unique place where home values are becoming competitive with the greater Washington area. Let us all do our part to maintain our public spaces and keep our community beautiful and inviting by paying our voluntary dues. The financial well-being of the Moyaone Reserve should not be the responsibility of only some in the community, but all.

Consolidated Fees Update

Thanks go to all Moyaone property owners who have paid their consolidated fees for 2021 or made donations. If you believe you have paid your fees, but your name does not appear below, please contact the Moyaone Comptroller, Paola Addamiano-Carts, at moyaonecomptroller@gmail.com. This month's list is shown by neighborhood:

APPLE VALLEY

Abernethy
Anderson
Barrera
Bihms
Campbell
Coleman/Murray
Collin/Wheeler
De Leon
Finkbeiner
Fischerkeller
Gladson
Hoagberg/Plesniak
Jones
Keim
Laws/Sentman
Leventhal/Allen-Leventhal
Leventhal/Allen-Leventhal
Mullins
Naar/Heys
Powell/Carlson-Powell
Reichard
Wise/Wickman

AUBURN

Allen/Penn
Bruce/West
Clay/O'Day
Faull/Volcovici
Gaumont
Hansz
Hollyfield
Jones
Jones
Kim
Kochen/Vine
Kucab
Livingston
Mitchell
Osborn
Paajanen/Jagger
Perrizo
Powell
Ramundo/Stansbury
Root
Russell
Tinsley/Vongevitz
Townsend
Wilk

BONDS RETREAT

Canavan
Cohen
Cohn/Witkin
Cremer
Ferguson/Francisco
Finger/Cox
Hanson
Hattaway
Huettnner
Jackson/Gorsuch
Kagle
Mazariegos
Miles
Morales/Ramirez Perez
Palatucci
Parker
Phelps
Strass
Thompson
Turner
Weiman
Welch/Jenkins

CACTUS HILL

Allen
Cook-Deegan
Gillespie
Hall
Hartwig/Palermo
Katz
Kirkup
Lynott/Haeri
Peters
Pipitone/Truett
Reiben
Romeo/Schwaller
Rudzis
Rudzis
Silhol/Bell
Stokes/Robertson
Wareham
Williams

HIDDEN VALLEY

Burke
Essex
Gillespie
McVinnay
Nelson
Shotwell/Neinaber
Tesi

POPLAR HILL

Ackley
Architzel/Canavan
Bergman/Fremont
Bigelow
Buckley/McChesney
Carts/Addamiano-Carts
Fishman
Gandy
Garcia
George
Gheen
Gruwell
Hannes
Haucke
Hibben/Cibelli
Hodavance/Murray

Jolly
Karimi/Melham
Kistler/Sewell
Kline/Coley
Koch/Haven
Kovacs
Livingston
McCleve
Nelson
Palmateer/Raj
Pollack
Saylor
Spalding/Pak-Spalding
Taylor
Watts

MOYAONE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 15, 3–4 pm

*Pavilion at the Moyaone Commons
2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek*

Social hour to follow.
Details to come in a future email
from the Moyaone Secretary.

MOYAONE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT OPTIONS

Questions? Contact Moyaone Comptroller, Paola Addamiano-Carts, at: MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com

Single Payments

- (Residents and Undeveloped Lots)
- Check paid to: The Moyaone Association (P.O. Box 113, Accokeek, MD)
 - Venmo payment: @moyaonecomptroller

Debit Payment Plan (Residents Only):

- Ten (10) ACH deductions of \$77 to be debited monthly from FEB–NOV or MAR–DEC

Moyaone Memories: Hurricanes Floyd, Irene, and Isabel

by Paola Addamiano-Carts

My husband and I lived in Fort Washington prior to discovering the Moyaone Reserve. On our small acreage north of “Lyle’s Steak House” (now the site of CVS at Swan Creek Road), we raised three children, a small herd of dairy goats, and a flock of chickens. The woods behind our house was clear-cut to make way for the Potomac Knolls subdivision. Soon there were four large houses looming over our goat pasture and whenever it rained heavily our goats would now be standing in pastern-deep water. We decided to move. A friend from church introduced us to Dottie Odell, and a year later (1997) we found ourselves the proud owners of the “Bernheisel House” on Poplar Hill Road.

Hurricane Floyd came through in September 1999. We loaded up on candles, batteries for the flashlights, and filled the bathtub with water. When the rains first came and before it got too windy, we donned our raincoats and explored the woods. We discovered trees that froth and turtles that burrowed. We jumped in puddles and sent leaf boats down the water coursing through ditches. When the storm hit and the power went out, we read Laura Ingalls Wilder books by candlelight and sang songs around the piano. Finally, the worst of the storm was over and it was time to survey the damage. There was much debris strewn about. We had lost a large Bradford pear tree in the backyard, one our two girls, inspired by Anne of Green Gables, had called “Stinky Queen.” But we had survived our first Moyaone hurricane. We were made of stern stuff.

Hurricane Irene followed a month later. A couple of days into the power outage — the power was out for about five days — when we realized the food in our freezer might thaw out, we decided to preemptively orchestrate a neighborhood cookout. We sent the kids to various neighbors asking if they’d like to join us. Apparently we’d waited too long, because most of our intrepid neighbors had already made plans to dine out in town where the power was on. However, they were amazingly generous. One neighbor, just returned from a fishing trip to Alaska, supplied us with halibut. Another, also recently returned from a trip, albeit to Minnesota, gave the kids a box of GooGoo Clusters. In the end it was just our family of five dining al fresco on the terrace on melt-in-your-mouth halibut, vegetables from our garden, and sticky, chocolatey dessert. We didn’t make a dent into our freezer that night, but we sure enjoyed ourselves.

Hurricane Isabel came through in 2003. We may have lost another tree or two, but what I remember most is the elegant lunchtime affair at the Kleeschulte’s A-frame. Tori had laid out her finest linens on tables set up in her front yard. Everyone up and down the street — unshowered and in questionably clean clothes — brought a cooked dish. The Edlers at the end of Poplar Hill Road had a generator and brought a great luxury on this warm day: ice. With great conviviality we dined and laughed and made the best of life in the woods with no electricity.

The daily camaraderie on Poplar Hill Road continues to be bright. I don’t wish for another hurricane, but I certainly cherish those extra-special moments of neighborliness and fellowship.



A Small World of Green at the Moyaone Community Garden

You may have noticed the rustic fence posts of the Moyaone Community Garden, an organic garden consisting of about 24 plots. It is located next to the Wagner Community Building and enclosed by a 10-foot fence. The garden was started about 16 years ago by folks in the community who wanted to garden but did not have enough sun and/or had too many deer on their property to grow vegetables successfully. Today the garden is thriving with plots where the gardeners show their creativity in the variety of plants grown, as well as share their know-how with others.

A steering committee manages the garden with input from all the gardeners. Any dues-paying member of the community is welcome to participate in the Community Garden as space allows.

If you would like more information or would like to put your name on the waiting list for a plot, please contact the Moyaone Community Garden (Moyaonegarden@gmail.com) or call Linda Witkin (301 385-3614).

Moyaone Association Board of Directors

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Spring Cleaning and Restoration of the Moyaone Commons

If you have been down to the Moyaone Association's fields and buildings (the "Commons") at 2311 Bryan Point Road, you may have noticed ongoing work along tree lines. The newly-hatched Moyaone Habitat Stewardship Team has been hard at work over the winter removing non-native plants and vines, along with trash and gardening waste. It has also held training sessions on the impact of invasive plants and how to identify and remove them. National Park Service and Prince George's County officials have expressed support for this work; the latter may be able to provide native trees, shrubs, and planting supplies through a new Tree ReLeaf grant this fall.

Prince George's County wants to help communities "turn green" with trees. Through the Tree ReLEAF Grant Program, the County provides funds to community groups and municipalities for planting native trees and shrubs in public or private common areas.

Work at the Commons has included:

- removal of non-native invasive plants
- cleaning up trash dumped in the woods
- disposing of vegetation already removed from the forest edge
- preparing the new septic field for planting a native flora landscape this fall
- cleaning up the playground field.

Volunteer hours are being documented in order to support efforts to obtain grant funding for further tree plantings and other restoration projects.

Many of these efforts are ongoing. There are great opportunities for volunteers to learn about and care for (y)our unique natural area. Beyond the Commons, additional volunteers will be sought to grow native plants for other community areas and to remove invasives also from other areas of Moyaone Reserve.

If you want to help, please sign up here:
<https://forms.gle/QaYqnJAhzT9N8ccD9>

*from the Moyaone Habitat Stewardship Team
(Leads Antonia Bookbinder and Alex Naar)
and the Building and Grounds Committee*

The deadline for the May issue of *Smoke Signals* is Wednesday, May 5. Please send your submissions to Editor Ruth Gaumond at: moyaonenews@gmail.com



GACA'S Highway 210 Annual MD Adopt-a-Highway Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, April 17, 9:00–11:30 am

by Judy Allen-Leventhal

The Greater Accokeek Civic Association is sponsoring its Annual Spring 210 Highway Clean-Up on April 17. The event will follow all Covid-19 protocols, keeping everyone safe.

Meet in the parking lot behind the Accokeek Gas 'n Go, entering from the frontage road (Frank's Way/Hickory Knoll) on the west side of 210. See red arrow on photo above. (Please avoid driving through the "front" where the gas pumps are located).

Dress comfortably for the weather. Distribution of bags, gloves, and vests/hats begins at 9 am; you're welcome any time and for as long as you can spare between 9 and 11:30 am. GACA's designated MDOT Adopt-a-Highway area is both sides of 210 north from Farmington Road south to Pine Lane, and we try to do the service roads when possible.

All pandemic safety protocols will be followed: we'll be outdoors, wearing face masks, and keeping socially distanced.

Any amount of time you can volunteer would be appreciated: just an hour of your time would be great!



Potomac Cleanup on April 10

... and Outdoor Opportunities at the Alice Ferguson Foundation

Join the #PotomacCleanup

The 33rd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup will be held on the Potomac River shoreline of Piscataway Park on Saturday, April 10 and will run from 8 am to 2 pm. Cleanup events are a great way to safely get together with friends and family in the great outdoors while making a difference. This year's cleanup will follow COVID-19 safety guidelines and be socially distant, and we will limit the number of volunteers per cleanup time slot. Let us know you will be lending a hand by registering for a 2-hour time slot [here](#).



Nature Nuts Outdoor Play Pods

Our first spring session of Nature Nuts Play Pods is soon coming to a close. We've had fun the past few weeks searching for signs of spring on nature hikes, learning about baby chicks, and of course spending time with our barnyard friends. Join us for the next Nature Nuts session beginning April 19. Save your spot [here](#).

Make Memories at Hard Bargain Farm

Spring is here! Do you know what that means? It's the perfect time to explore the outdoors and to schedule a private family visit to Hard Bargain Farm! Become one with the trees on a nature hike, discover life on the farm, or hang out with our blossoming flowers and pollinators in the Children's Garden. Plan your visit [here](#).

For more information: Alice Ferguson Foundation,
2201 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek;

May Is Lambapalooza Month



at the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park
3400 Bryan Point Road

PEACE. LOVE. MUSIC. LAMBS.

Join the Accokeek Foundation this May for the annual Lattes with Lambs barnyard festival. This year, we present a "hybrid" event that lets YOU build your own Lattes adventure. Sign up for barnyard tours, purchase a festival kit, or follow along with online entertainment. Whatever you choose, it's going to be a groovy (and cute!) time. <https://www.accokeekfoundation.org/lambapalooza>

Barnyard Tours

May 1, 8, & 15; 10:30 am & 12:30 pm. \$12/person
Meet and greet the new lambs in Piscataway Park! Each guided tour will introduce you to the new lambs and calves born on site this year, as well as let you reconnect with some of your old farm favorites like Sir Nigel the Hog Island sheep and Mayor Birdie the American Milking Devon cow.

Masking required during tours. Space on tours is limited to maintain social distance guidelines.

Register for a barnyard tour

FESTIVAL KITS

Your favorite Lattes with Lambs activities, packaged up to enjoy at home. Purchase a festival activity kit and pick it up in Piscataway Park on May 1, 8, or 15. Each kit comes in a special event tote. \$30/individual or \$100/family

Kits Include:

- DIY Butter Shaking Tutorial
- Tie-Dye-Your-Own Nigel Activity
- Making Music: DIY Animal Bell
- Wool Art: Felt-Your-Own Sheep
- Flower Crown Kit
- Hungry Games at Home Tutorial
- Heritage Breed Coloring Pages

Individual kits contain supplies for one person; family kits contain supplies for four people.

Purchase a festival kit

Proceeds from the event help support the Accokeek Foundation's Heritage Breed Livestock Conservation program in Piscataway Park. We are grateful for your support, and for the support of our community partners.



April Announcements from the Accokeek Artists Alliance

For all artists in the area, here are two opportunities to showcase your work:

1) Mattawoman Creek Art Center just received approval from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to resume their annual shows. Check out their website at www.mattawomanart.org for details. Their 27th Annual Open Juried Show will run from April 23 to May 30. This is a perfect venue for southern Maryland artists and the Juried Show has the bonus of offering generous monetary awards. For artists delivering artwork for this upcoming Juried Show, the Art Center will be open **for art take-in only** on:

Thursday, April 8, 11 am–2 pm

Saturday, April 10, 11 am–2 pm

Sunday, April 11, 1 pm–3 pm

2) Here's an immediate way for local artists to show their work to a broad audience. The Accokeek Foundation is having a virtual "Latte with Lambs" program in lieu of their traditional event at the Colonial Farm. They are providing the opportunity for an online art display to accompany "Latte with Lambs." Art that reflects agriculture and the park environs is preferred but they are not restricting entries to just that theme. Submit images(s) to mjordan@accokeek.org. Deadline for submission is April 16.

Specs are as follows:

- A hi-res image no more than 1MG in size and 2000 pixels wide
- Title, artist's name, medium, size/specs, and website or contact info
- If the piece is for sale, the artist will be contacted directly

For all AAA members (artists and supporting members alike) a special opportunity:

Your AAA is looking forward to a rejuvenating fresh air event, "Alice's Art Adventures," at Hard Bargain Farm, Saturday, April 17th. (Rain date is Sunday, April 18.) We'll paint lovely scenery and make enticing ceramic projects with the assistance of skilled member artists. Free to all paid-up members. Nice, huh? Please register by Friday, April 9, via our website, www.accokeekartistsalliance.com, where you will find additional details about the day. Don't be shy. This is open to beginners and experienced alike.

Davies Concert Series Presents Sunrise String Quartet and Classical Pianist Brian Ganz in Free Virtual Concert, April 11

On Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 pm, the Sunrise String Quartet, which has performed at the Kennedy Center and the Corcoran Museum, will join pianist Brian Ganz, one of the leading pianists of his generation, in a free virtual program produced by the Davies Concert Series at the Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation. The program is entitled "Music for Friends" because the artists have created a virtual program of some of their own favorite solo and duo works. Classical music presented will include works by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Harbison and violist and composer Osman Kivrak. After the program, the artists will join the audience in a Zoom celebration in the spirit of a post-concert reception and a Q&A session. The link to the concert and additional information are at <https://daviesuu.org/connecting/davies-concert-series/>

"I have been so eager to work with the Sunrise String Quartet for so many years," pianist Ganz said. "But that's not easy right now with the pandemic. So we thought we would try something new, requesting some of our favorite works for each other to play. We'll also make short video recordings sharing about our requests."

Among the pieces on the program are a work composed by Kivrak for violin and viola entitled "Uzun Hava," movements from Bach suites for solo violin and solo cello, Chopin Scherzo No. 2 for solo piano, and a violin and viola duo composed by Mozart at the request of his friend Michael Haydn, brother of the great composer Franz Joseph Haydn.

The entire program will be offered online free of charge, premiering through the church's website at 4:00 pm on April 11, after which it will be available for future online viewing. Donations are gladly accepted at DCS Facebook page.

The Sunrise String Quartet, founded in 1991 and based in Washington, DC, has given concerts at the Kennedy Center, the National Building Museum, the Corcoran Museum, the Phillips Collection, the Mozart Festival at the World Bank, and the Chautauqua Festival at Dickinson College. The Sunrise also performs as the National Gallery String Quartet at the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

Brian Ganz is laureate of the Marguerite Long Jacques Thibaud and the Queen Elisabeth of Belgium International Piano Competitions, Mr. Ganz has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the St. Louis Symphony, the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the Baltimore Symphony, the National Philharmonic, the National Symphony and the City of London Sinfonia.

For information call 301-627-0284 or visit us at Facebook — Davies Concert Series.