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President's Note: Summer Ends with Labor Day Potluck

— Rose Kim
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If you are in Accokeek on Sunday, September 5, I hope you will bring a dish to share and a favorite beverage to enjoy outside on the Wagner Community Center grounds (2311 Bryan Point Rd.) for the annual Moyaone Community Labor Day Picnic starting at 4:00 pm. This year the Community will recognize long-time Pool Manager, Rhonda Hanson, who is retiring after 14 years of service. Rhonda will be recognized at 4:45 pm (during the break). Cake, hamburgers, and hotdogs will be provided; please bring an entree or side dish to share (no desserts needed).

As long as there has been a Moyaone Pool, there has been an Accokeek Swim Team. For over 60 years AST has been a rite of passage for many of the children and families of the Moyaone Reserve and the greater Accokeek communities. The swim team has provided an important bridge between the greater Accokeek community and our own. This summer, the boards of directors of the Moyaone Association and the Accokeek Swim Team agreed to formalize and strengthen our relationship, because it's not 1963 anymore. Both groups recognize that the value and respect we have for each other now may not be shared by future leaders. So to ensure better communication, and a transparent financial and administrative relationship that recognizes the important role AST has in our community, the Moyaone Board recommends that the Accokeek Swim Team be made a permanent committee of the Moyaone Association, like the Pool, Roads, Membership, Buildings & Grounds, and Public Affairs committees. This recommendation will be brought to a vote at the December 2021 Moyaone Association membership meeting.

If you are new to the community, please reach out to me and our Membership Chair, Crystal Garcia (CrystalLynnGarcia@me.com). We want to be sure we have your current details for community news distribution (internal use only). If you are not a new community member, but your email or phone has changed — please let us know that too!

A sincere thanks to the neighbors who are current with their 2021 Moyaone Association consolidated fees. However, there are still those of you who have not yet paid 2021 dues. This is deeply disappointing and disrespectful to those of us who support the Moyaone Association by paying our share in support of this unique neighborhood. I hope as the humidity starts to subside, your wallets will become less sticky too. Your support is needed and appreciated! A sincere thanks to those of you who have paid your 2021 dues.

Here's to some cooler weather and less rain — see you at the Labor Day Picnic!

Seeking Some Sweat Equity at the Wagner Center

I am looking for some help to assist with a few small projects for the Moyaone Association's Buildings and Grounds Committee.



1. A small retaining wall at the entrance to the Wagner Center.
2. Fire-pit surround and liner.
3. Spruce-up the kids' playhouse at the playground.

If interested please contact John Hollyfield at hollyfield1@comcast.net.

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Pulse of the Pool

Celebrate Labor Day at Potluck on Sun., Sept. 5

We are looking forward to this year's Labor Day potluck picnic and special program on Sunday, September 5 at 4:00 pm at the Commons. The Moyaone and Pool communities will honor Rhonda Hanson for her many years of service as pool manager with a special program and celebratory cake cutting at 4:45 pm. A limited quantity of hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Moyaone Association will be available for grilling. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage (cake provided). Let's end the summer on a high note and join your friends and neighbors in making this year's picnic a success!

Additional hands are needed for picnic set-up and clean-up. We also need an event photographer, hands to cut and plate the cake, as well as grill masters to help with starting the fire and grilling the meats. If you can help out, please arrive by 3:00 pm on the day of the event at the Commons outdoor kitchen (2311 Bryan Point Rd.).

Upcoming Events

- Sun. Sept. 5 (4–7 pm) Labor Day Picnic Potluck & Special Event
- Mon. Sept. 6 Potluck rain date
- Sat. Sept. 11 Moyaone Challenge & Triathlon (see pp. 5–6)
- Tues. Sept. 15 Pool Committee meeting

Sat. Sept. 18 (9 am–12 pm) Pool Close-up
Work party & social

Sun. Sept. 19 Work party rain date

The 2021 Pool Committee is comprised of the following community members: Crystal Garcia, Ben Grenoble, Rhonda Hanson, Michael Leventhal, Hsin-I Russell, Tina Shotwell, and Nancy Weiman.

Eins, Zwei, Drei: It's Almost Time for Oktoberfest

Grab your Bier Stein and put on your Lederhosen for the Oct. 2 Moyaone Oktoberfest. Help keep the tradition of Gemuetlichkeit alive and celebrate the coming of fall! Come for the German food, Oktoberfest Bier, music, and gathering with neighbors and friends.

The event will be held on Sat., Oct. 2 from 3 pm to 7 pm at the Moyaone Commons, 2311 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek.

We are requesting volunteers for many different activities from parking cars to tending bar. The success of the event depends on help from our willing volunteers. To volunteer, please email Mary Lee Phelps at mlgp42@msn.com.

Proceeds from this event will be used to make improvements to the Moyaone Community Center and grounds.

Accokeek Artists Alliance Looks Forward to Winter Market



But fear not, AAA will be back in November with a repeat of the very popular 2020 Winter Market. Mark the weekend of November 13 (Saturday 2–6 pm) and 14 (Sunday noon–4) on your calendar. We'll have holiday art for sale in the Wagner Center (2311 Bryan Point Rd.), a Trey Thomas Fundraiser Silent Auction, bonfire, and hot cider with optional additions.

If you have any donations for the Trey Thomas Silent Auction, please contact Peggy Reichard (preichard1@verizon.net) or Ikuko Turner (ikukohime@gmail.com). In addition to desirable objects, donations can include services, classes, workshops. The sky's the limit.

Many of our members enjoyed an inspiring August meeting on Candice and Walter

Bigelow's back porch (*left photo*) with member art critiques and a tour of Candice's studio filled with repurposed artwork (*right photo*). Candice and Walter live on Poplar Hill Road.

For more information on AAA, send a message to: accokeekartistsalliance@gmail.com



AAA regrets to inform you all of our decision to cancel the Art Market on September 18. First and foremost, safety is a concern and we want to ensure both artists and patrons avoid the risk of the rising spread of the Delta variant.

Public Hearings on the Countywide Map Amendment — and You

— by Kelly Canavan, AMP Creeks

By now you have probably received notice of the joint public hearings related to the Countywide Map Amendment (CMA), but may be confused about what exactly they are and may not realize at all that they are related to HB980 (the ethics bill) that so many of you helped push to be reformed in the Maryland General Assembly earlier this year. You might also not realize that the Prince George's County Council will be entertaining dozens or more applications (for increased density or changes of use) that the public won't know about, and thus cannot offer testimony about.

The AMP Creeks Council, together with a coalition of organizations from across Prince George's County, including the Moyaone Association, is asking that the Prince George's County/District Council and Planning Board conduct this business in a more transparent way that encourages full public participation — instead of ending the process with the pro forma hearings they've got scheduled. And we hope you'll help us with this push. We need more information and a second set of hearings.

As mentioned, a countywide group of 500+ folks contacted their representatives in defense of the ethics laws that got in the way of the Prince George's County Council passing the CMA rezoning.

HB980 (the ethics bill) did pass during this year's General Assembly session, but thanks to our collective hard work, it included language meant to prevent the Council from granting zoning intensifications and changes of use to special interest groups and donors. Among other things, the revised language prohibits intensification except "upon a demonstration of error." It is imperfect, but still quite a victory considering how much better it is than what the Council and PGC state delegation originally proposed. It is these "demonstrations of error" applications that are being withheld from us. These could apply to any parcel of land for any reason, for example, asking for townhouses on a rural parcel or a gigantic gas station where one is not currently allowed. Likely it will include applications all along Accokeek Road, between B&J's and Manokeek, and others all over PG County.

Contact Your Council Member. Since the Council does not seem interested in moving forward with a transparent adherence to the law, in a couple of days we'll be asking you to contact Council members and tell them to do better. If you're already on the AMP Creeks mailing list, you'll get an email with both language you can cut, paste, and send, and a click-and-send link so that you can choose which you'd prefer. If you aren't on our mailing list, but would like to be or would just like this specific email sent to you, please contact me at kelly@ampcreeks.org.

Public Hearings. The virtual joint public hearings will be held to hear testimony about the proposed CMA. As they have acknowledged, this is intended to be a one-to-one rezoning process. (5 pm on Monday and Tuesday, September 13 and 14. [Sign up to speak here!](#))

Here's a little background: Every property in PG County is in an existing zoning category that describes what kind of structures can be built there and how many of them (use and density). The county's zoning code has been updated and condensed, but it still has to be implemented through the CMA. Each property will be assigned a new zoning category. It should mirror the current category in terms of density and use as closely as is possible given the new zones. This process should not be an avenue for requesting zoning use changes or zoning intensification. That said, we all know that requests for increased density and use changes have been rolling in for a long time. It is incumbent upon all of us to learn more about what is being proposed, and make sure that the Council doesn't grant favors through this process.

The Council must make the applications they're considering public and easily accessible for residents who would be impacted by the changes so that we can submit oral and/or written testimony about those applications. Otherwise, the hearings are nothing more than a pageant designed to distract and placate us.

It is our intention that the Council will do the right thing and add a second set of joint public hearings specifically to address the applications they are considering.

Read the Countywide Map Amendment. In the meantime, we encourage you to look through the proposed CMA yourself. (But keep in mind that the demonstration of error applications are not reflected in the copies available to us.) You can find out how to [pick up a hard copy by clicking here](#) or [browse it online by clicking here](#).

Thank you for staying involved and seeing this process through.

AMP Creeks Council Mission Statement:

The Accokeek, Mattawoman, Piscataway Creeks Communities Council, Inc. (AMP Creeks) is dedicated to protecting the environment, and ensuring the sustainability of natural resources and the basic human right to clean air and water. Through local, state, and national advocacy our approach is threefold: education, community outreach and collaboration, and legal action. Priority is given to local, root cause initiatives with specific impacts and outcomes that serve as catalysts to maximize other efforts for responsible environmental stewardship.



CCYO to Hold “Secret Garden” Chamber Music Concerts in September

The Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO) will present outdoor chamber music concerts on three consecutive Saturday afternoons (Sept. 11, 18, and 25) at 4 pm in the beautiful Meditation Garden of Christ Church (112 Charles St., La Plata; the garden is behind, on Church Street). In case of rain the concerts will be held in the church.

Each concert will start with a performance by selected student artists from the 2021 CCYO Chamber Music Festival followed by performances by the directors of the CCYO ensembles: CCYO director, Osman Kivrak, viola; Prelude Strings director, Teri Lazar, violin; Encore Strings director, Kristina Der Noble, flute; and Encore Band director, Takako Mato, clarinet; and guest artist Bill Hones, who will join in on September 18 and 25 with his double bass.

The 2021 Secret Garden Concert series is sponsored by the Charitable Trust of Charles County and the concerts this year will celebrate women composers. Featured woman composers are Rebecca Clarke, Elaine Fine, Maria Theresa von Paradis, and Charles County resident Mary Coy Whitmore. The concerts will also include works by mainstream classical composers Mozart, Beethoven, Handel, Telemann, and Bach in addition to contemporary American composers Kivrak and Gould.

Located in a historic district of La Plata, Christ Church has been a mainstay of the Charles County community since its founding in Port Tobacco in 1683. In recent years, the church has actively supported music in the area through opening its doors to recitals and concerts, hosting the CCYO Concerto Competition each year, and notably through its Open Mic series, “HeartSongs.”

"We are delighted to be a part of these concerts by the directors of the Charles County Youth Orchestra," said Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler, Christ Church’s pastor.

The Charles County Youth Orchestra 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. Auditions for 2021–22 will be held September 18 at the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center.

For more information, contact Osman Kivrak, DMA, Director, Charles County Youth Orchestra with Encore Band, Encore Strings and Prelude Strings (tel. 301 375-7109; charlescountyyouthorchestra.org).



Visit Piscataway Park — A Local Treasure

Free and open to the public year-round, Piscataway Park is home to the National Colonial Farm (3400 Bryan Point Rd.), a portion of the Captain John Smith and Potomac Heritage scenic trails, a series of seven nature trails, and almost 3 miles of Potomac River shoreline.

Starting Wed., Sept. 1, the gates to the National Colonial Farm area of Piscataway Park will be closing at 7 pm. They will continue to open at 7 am. The Visitor Center and Administrative Office are both currently closed due to COVID-19. If you have questions, please contact Foundation staff at info@accokeek.org or see the website: <https://www.accokeekfoundation.org>



Registration Open for AFF’s Nature Nuts

Who says you can’t have fun while learning? Outdoor play pods are making a return this fall at the Alice Ferguson Foundation, and we hope your family will join us. Discover the Hard Bargain Farm (2201 Bryan Point Rd.) and meet our barnyard friends, take a hike to the river and become a nature detective along the way, and much more. Save your spot today for fun adventures in nature!

The Nature Nuts Play Pods program will take place every Wednesday morning for five weeks. Program dates are Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20. Cost: \$150 per child.

[REGISTER HERE](#). Questions? Contact program coordinator Janine at: jdelauder@fergusonfoundation.org.

Join the MOYAONE CHALLENGE on September 11, 2021



Welcome the energy of fall by participating in the Moyaone Challenge on Sat., Sept. 11. 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 Association's Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd.

Triathlon Challenge begins at 8 am and includes a 250 m (10 pool lengths) swim, 8 km (5 mi) bike ride, and a 2 km (1.2 mi) run. Bike helmets are required. Individual or relay teams may enter. Entry fee: \$30.

Swim Challenge begins approximately 8:15 am. 250 m swim (10 pool lengths). All strokes accepted, even walking. No swim flippers allowed. Entry fee: \$20.

Bike Challenge begins approximately 8:45 am. Distance is 8 km/5 mi. **Bike helmets are required.** Entry fee: \$20.

Run Challenge

Begins approximately 9 am. Distance is 2 km/1.2 mi. Walking is permitted. Entry fee: \$20.

Children's Events for ages 5 to 9. One event will be an intergenerational, family relay that will include running 3

lengths of the community garden. Second event is a soccer ball kick. These events will start approximately 9 am. Entry fee for one or both children's events: \$5.

To enter:

To enter, fill out the registration form below and sign the Participant Waiver on the reverse side. Deposit the form in the box at the Moyaone pool with your entry fee. You may also pay with Venmo (@moyaonecomptroller) or PayPal. Registration forms are also available at the Moyaone Pool or on the Moyaone website moyaone.org.

YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WED., SEPT. 8

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



BIKE TUNE UP

If you are participating in the Moyaone Challenge, make sure that your bike is race ready. Bring your bike to the Bike Tune-up Clinic on Thurs., Sept. 9, 6–7:30 pm. Moyaone Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd. Let some fellow cyclists check out your bike.

MOYAONE CHALLENGE REGISTRATION FORM

Check the event you are participating in:

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)____

Children's events (5–9): Family Relay Race____ Soccer Ball Kick Event____ Both____

Name (or names for triathlon relay; family relay race):

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: (Mobile) _____ (Home) _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Amount of your registration payment _____

Payment by: Check ____ Venmo or PayPal ____

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 adult relay, or family relay race), please print:

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

Date
