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Roads Report: Preparing for Winter

—Stan Fetter, Roads Chair
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The roads crew has been busy over the spring and summer, and we got a lot done. We effectively doubled the drainage capacity in a particularly troublesome spot in Poplar Hill, and we're hopeful that the result will be fewer, less-severe washouts in that area.

In Apple Valley, we reset and sealed a section of pipes and reworked the associated inlets and outfalls, restoring them to their original capacity. We're going to keep an eye on that area in case it needs more work, but we expect that what we've done should cut down on the flooding through there.

Fall grading is underway now. This is the last "heavy" grading cycle for the year and should be wrapped up shortly. Once the leaves are down, we'll come back through and clear them from the ditches. That will be followed up by another grading cycle to touch up the ditches and make sure they're clear for winter.

While we're on the subject of grading, please don't put anything in the ditches or on the roads. Rocks, decorations, and the like just get in the way, impede our work, and will be removed. Nothing should be placed in or beyond the ditch line.

Our snow contractor is set up and ready to go. Generally we plow when it gets to 3 inches. This can vary a little depending on the circumstances, but there'll be announcements so you know what we're doing and when.

Going into winter, please keep a few things in mind: First and foremost, please don't ever put salt or any other chemical ice melter on the roads. They eat the base up and cause a lot of damage. Straight abrasives (sand, etc.) are fine.

Second ... if you have a culvert under your driveway where it meets the road, keep an eye on it. Removing leaves, sticks, and accumulated snow or ice will keep it open, keep the water where we want it, and go a long way toward preserving both the road and your driveway.

Check your trees: If you've got something that's leaning and/or about to come down (on the road or elsewhere) now is a good time to get it taken care of. Generally, we don't get involved unless a tree is blocking a road or drainage.

Moyaone Association Budget Meeting

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Wagner Community Building
2311 Bryan Point Rd.

3:00–4:30 pm - Meeting
4:30–6:00 pm - Social

Please bring a favorite nibble and beverage
to share.

This would also be a good time to trim the vegetation along the front of your property and get it back from the roadway. Getting a handle on it now will make it easier on you in the spring when things start coming back — you'll have an easier time separating the weeds from the ornamentals and keeping what you want.

Lastly ... taking care of our roads is expensive, and abuse makes it more expensive. **Keeping speeds down** (BELOW 15 mph) is the single, biggest, and best thing you can do to prevent excessive wear. Watching the ditches along your property and keeping them clear of leaves and debris will help too. We have a finite amount of \$\$, and whatever we don't have to spend on fixing things can and will go toward improvements.

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Preparedness Corner: Emergency Response and the Moyaone Reserve

Any emergency incident requires the timely response of first responders and their related vehicles and emergency equipment. In the Moyaone Reserve, as in many rural areas, we have a variety of challenges that can delay timely emergency response. Some of these hurdles include: Timely and Clear Communication; Location Identification; Road Condition and Accessibility; Distance from Hydrants; and transient obstructions such as snow, fallen trees, and/or parked cars.

Communication: 911

If you are experiencing or witness to an emergency situation please call 911. If you are unsure if the situation is really an “emergency,” call 911. Some emergency incidents in and around the Moyaone have been made more complex by delayed activation of the public safety system. All first responder agencies in Prince George’s, Charles, Fairfax, and any county anywhere will never fault anyone for calling 911 with a legitimate issue no matter how small it may seem to you. Let the 911 system determine what type of response, if any, is needed. Do not call your local firehouse or a neighbor first.

NOTE: If you call 911 from a cell phone in and around the Moyaone Reserve, your call maybe initially handled by Fairfax, Charles or Prince George’s county. All of these 911 centers can and will transfer you to the correct center. See location below.

Location, Location, Location

Key reminders here:

- 1) When you call 911 to report an emergency, give as accurate a location as possible; e.g., “2311 Bryan Point Rd. in Accokeek, MD” is better than “The Moyaone Commons” or “Moyaone Pool.” Not all responding units have been here.
- 2) Is your house address visible? Do you have a reflective sign that is free from vegetation etc.? The Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) sells, at cost, reflective address signs. Contact alex@accokeekvfd.org
- 3) If first responders cannot find you, they cannot help. If there are access issues, please let the dispatcher know.
- 4) If you are on National Park Property and have an emergency call 911. Across the National Capital Region, and in most parts of the US, public safety agencies work collaboratively through Mutual Aid constructs. The same is true here in Accokeek. 911 will determine what help is needed and dispatch the appropriate resources including the US Park Police if needed.

Road and Driveway Condition/Size

Maintenance of shared roads is a partnership. The Moyaone Roads Chair provides guidance and direction as warranted. Dirt roads require care and present a challenge year round to all first responders. If there are washouts, fallen trees upon a road, ice, or mud from poor drainage, emergency response may be delayed.

The width of roads and driveways in the Moyaone Reserve

presents real challenges to all first responders but especially to fire and EMS. Our fire trucks and ambulances are wide, heavy, and in some cases long. If you see delivery trucks, oil or propane trucks, or utility trucks having trouble navigating a road or driveway you can be assured fire department vehicles will have as much and possibly more trouble getting to where they need to go.

Parked cars, staged building materials, and encroaching vegetation can all hamper emergency response.

We have had several structure fires over the past decade in the Moyaone Reserve where the width of the roads hampered emergency response. In one fire, a parked car blocked firefighter access.

AVFD continues to offer free site visits to evaluate access to your home. Please contact me if you would like us to come out. We can offer our professional assessment and make suggestions to improve access.

Talk to your neighbors as well and find out if you might have shared access issues that can be resolved collectively. Improving emergency access can be achieved while preserving and respecting both private property and environmental values.

Seconds and minutes count in an emergency. Take a few moments to think about how emergency responders can access your neighborhood and your home.

Smoke Alarms: Here’s a gentle reminder to evaluate your home smoke/fire/carbon monoxide alarms. Place smoke alarms on every level, in every bedroom and hallway to bedrooms. If your smoke alarms are over 10 years old — please replace them. Smoke alarms have saved lives in the Moyaone Reserve. There are many options available today and AVFD can assist in evaluating your home’s needs. Please consider having your alarm system monitored remotely so that there is rapid notification to the 911 system of an emergency.

Chimney/Wood Stove/Fireplace Safety: As the weather turns cooler, please have your chimneys inspected/cleaned by competent professionals. Burn only dry wood and have a preparedness plan – extinguishers, smoke/heat detectors, etc. Dispose of hot ashes carefully.

Links: <https://www.ready.gov/home-fires>; [smokealarmlawfiremarshall.pdf \(state.md.us\)](https://www.firearmarsshall.com/state/md)

Chainsaw Safety: If a tree falls ... Simply, chainsaws are dangerous! If you feel uncomfortable using one, please don’t! Hire a licensed tree company. I will be offering a basic chainsaw safety class for those who are interested.

CPR/First Aid Classes: Due to COVID the ability for AVFD to offer courses has been restricted. We plan to offer classes in the future.

Please reach out with any preparedness questions and/or chainsaw safety class interest.

—Alex Naar, CEM (Certified Emergency Manager)
Moyaone Resident and
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Winter Art Market

An opportunity to get your holiday shopping done while supporting local artists!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021
2 PM - 6 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021
12 PM - 4 PM

**CAFRTZ ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
• ALICE FERGUSON FOUNDATION
2201 BRYAN POINT ROAD • ACCOKEEK • MD**

Featuring ceramics, paintings, sculptures, stained glass & more

Accokeek Artists to Hold November Art Sale



The annual Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) Winter Market is back this year! The AAA will have a holiday sale of member art featuring ceramics, paintings, sculptures, stained glass, and more on Nov. 13 (Sat. 2–6 pm) and 14 (Sun. noon–4 pm). Please note that the

venue has changed to Hard Bargain Farm's handsome and capacious Cafritz Environmental Center, Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2201 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. Hot cider with optional additions and tasty snacks will be served.

In addition to the art sale, we will have a Trey Thomas Fundraiser Silent Auction to help raise funds for the continuing recovery from a stroke of member and dear friend, Trey. Contact Peggy Reichard (preichard1@verizon.net) or Ikuko Turner (ikukohime@gmail.com) if you'd like to donate desirable objects, services, classes, or workshops. You do not have to be an AAA member to donate.

Don't miss this chance to support local artists, contribute to Trey's fundraiser, savor refreshments, and be surrounded by creativity and good cheer.

News from the Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA)

GACA'S Fall **Maryland 210 Highway Clean-Up Maryland Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up** was held Sat., Oct. 2. Eighteen volunteers met in the parking lot of the Accokeek Gas 'n Go; picked up vests, gloves, and bags provided by the Maryland Dept. of Transportation (MDOT); and set out to pick up trash along GACA's designated MDOT Adopt-a-Highway area, which includes both sides of MD210 north from Farmington Road south to Pine Lane, and the service roads. This year, MDOT crews were on-hand to collect the filled litter bags as the volunteers finished up (bags were collected even before the bag count could be totaled). Thanks to all the volunteers, with special appreciation to project chair Joan Smuck!

GACA's ad hoc committee called "**RACS**" (Roadway Advocacy Committee for South County) has continued working with MDOT and Prince George's Councilmanic District 9 leaders to address improving regular mowing and maintenance along MD210. Progress has continued throughout the covid-19 pandemic. Recently, Colleen (Walter) Puterbaugh joined the committee.

GACA's application to the **Prince George's Growing Green with Pride** program has been approved. The project is county-wide; here in Accokeek it will include picking up litter on both the north- and southbound frontage roads along MD210 (Jennifer Drive and Hickory Knolls/Whistling Oak Way/Frank's Way) and planting new materials within GACA's original Planting Partnership near the entry to the Farmington Woods development. Originally planted about 15 years ago, now there are a number of dead trees, which MDOT has agreed to remove; PG County will provide new planting materials. Please join the GACA team the morning of **Sat., Oct. 30 any time between 9 and 11:30 am** to help with the planting infill or with the trash pick-up. Gloves, vests, bags, and tools will be provided through Growing Green with Pride. Volunteers are asked to park along the frontage road in front of the Farmington Woods development. For questions, call Judy Allen-Leventhal (301-642-6744).

The first virtual meeting of the steering committee for the **Accokeek Heritage Tourism Study (AHTS)** is scheduled for Oct. 12. **GACA**, the **Accokeek Foundation**, and the **Alice Ferguson Foundation** applied for the AHTS through the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities program. The primary purpose of the AHTS is to identify and analyze Accokeek heritage resources and the pressures they face, determine how best to make those known – or better known – and identify common threads of all stakeholders to weave a fabric of enhanced connectivity and accessibility to resources, and improve public access (whether virtual or actual). The project consultant, the Neighborhood Design Center, began work on the two-year project in mid-August. The project webpage provides more details: <https://www.mncppc.org/5133/Accokeek-Heritage-Tourism-Study>.

GACA's next general membership meeting will be announced once plans are formalized. Meantime, please stay safe.



Moyaone Challenge awards ceremony at the Wagner Community Center, Sept. 11.

Moyaone Reserve Athletes Meet the Challenge!

Twenty-three athletes competed in the Second Annual Moyaone Challenge on Sept. 11. It was a beautiful day, and everyone was ready for stiff competition in swimming, bike riding, running, or all three. The ages of the competitors ranged from 6 to over 65.

We thank our volunteer time keepers and race monitors who made this challenge possible. We also give special thanks to Rita Bergman, Race Director, and Janet Parker for designing the distinctive award medallions. We greatly appreciate the many people who could not compete, but donated funds to support the athletes and the community.

It was a terrific day with many winners. Race results are listed below:

Senior Triathlon

1st Matt Schwaller
2nd Sheryl Romeo
3rd Alex Quint

Adult Triathlon

1st Thann Bennett
2nd Bill Scott
3rd John Rudzis

Youth Triathlon

1st Jude Bennett
2nd Ben Garcia

Senior Swim

1st Bill Robertson
2nd John Mitchell

Adult Swim

1st Ian Davis

Youth Swim

1st Luke Garcia
2nd Esther Garcia
3rd Hope Bennett

Senior Run

1st Peggy Reichard

Adult Run

1st Rhonda Scott

Youth Run

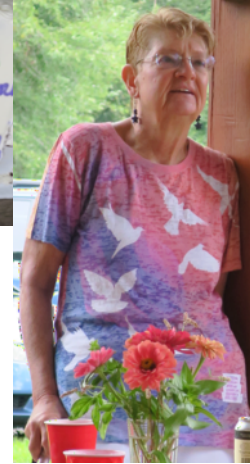
1st Luke Garcia

Relay Race

1st Betsy Garcia,
Esther Garcia, and Wendy Hall

Soccer Ball Kick

1st Betsy Garcia



Pulse of the Pool

Wrapping Up the 2021 Swim Season ... and Celebrating Rhonda Hanson's Retirement

You really came through on Sept. 18! At least 35 neighbors showed up to put the pool cover on, which was great to see. We removed ladders, covered the pool and baby pool, stowed the furniture, and officially put the pool to bed. The new pool furniture (8 Adirondack chairs and 2 loungers) arrived the previous week and was assembled by volunteers. Two new CAT controllers (which monitor pool chemical levels and adjust as needed) were purchased at a sale price of about \$2,000 each.

Rhonda's season-end pool report: 66 pool memberships were from outside of the Moyaone Reserve; 6,535 individual visits were logged, not counting attendance at swim meets and practices and averaging 70–90 visitors daily; 200+ swim lessons were given; a record high of 84 children on the swim team; 30 morning lap swimmers; late night swims gained in popularity; and at last report, this season's pool operations fell within budget.

We would like to thank the following community members:

Rita Bergman	Kirkup family
Robert Cook-Deegan	Lindsay Laws/Brian Sentman
Dave Cremer	MikeLeventhal/Judy
Jonathon Faull	Allen-Leventhal
Garcia family	Naar/Heyes family
Gheen family	Nienaber/Shotwell family
Ben Grenoble	Lona Powell
Rob Gruwell	Bill Robertson/Anne Stokes
Doug Hattaway/Ian Davis	Hsin-I Russell
John Hollyfield	Holly Wagner
Dan Katz	Bob Ware
	Bud Wareham

I also want to thank those people who helped put together the new pool furniture: Thann Bennet, Dave Cremer, Wendy Hall, and Kent Hibben.

Updates on pool events and activities and, hopefully, the introduction of the new pool manager will resume in March. If you are interested in the Pool Manager position for the 2022 pool season, please contact Nancy Weiman directly, or email russelhc@yahoo.com or call 301-292-8341 and I'll put you in touch.

—Hsin-I Russell

CCYO to Perform at Artsfest 2021

Sat., Oct. 16, 1 pm; free outdoor concert on the grounds of La Plata Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne St., La Plata

The Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO) with Prelude Strings, Encore Band, and Encore Strings will perform an outdoor concert on Sat., Oct. 16 at the grounds of La Plata Town Hall. Organized by the Charles County Arts Alliance, Artsfest 2021 will feature many activities including live performances, artists, and food trucks. At 1 pm all four of CCYO's ensembles will be featured in a program that will include works by Handel, Pachelbel, and Dvorak.

CCYO is directed by Osman Kivrak, with Encore Band, Takako Mato, Director; Encore Strings, Krisztina Der Noble, Director; and Prelude Strings, Teri Lazar, Director. Recently, the directors of the CCYO and selected students appeared in a series of chamber music concerts that was held in the Meditation Garden of Christ Church, La Plata. Below are the links to an article about these concerts published in *Southern Maryland Chronicle* and a beautiful picture of Moyaone Reserve resident Haley Gruwell in the *Maryland Independent*:

<https://southernmarylandchronicle.com/2021/09/21/final-ccyo-secret-garden-concert-with-charles-county-composer-mary-coy-whitmore/>

https://www.somdnews.com/independent/news/local/soothing-sounds/collection_cf8c7c48-5f5c-501a-87b5-a3e0f7ed1aa7.html

CCYO is one of the largest youth organizations in Southern Maryland, providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians ages 8 to 18 in Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties. The Charles County Youth Orchestra is sponsored in part by grants from the Charles County Charitable Trust, Charles County Arts Alliance, the Maryland State Arts Council, the Rotary Club of Charles County and the Knights of Columbus of Accokeek, MD. Other major contributors include Potters Violins, Gailles Violin Shop, and the Neighborhood Creative Arts Center of La Plata as well as generous donations from individuals.

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).

Tret Fure and Lynn Hollyfield in Concert

Sun., Oct. 24, 5–7 pm. The New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD. Artist donations appreciated. Come have dinner at the cafe — we promise a great show!

Covid Precautions: To attend, vaccinations are required or a negative 48-hour covid test.

Christmas Caroling in Accokeek

If you are interested in participating — either in caroling or in receiving carolers — please email Sarah Kase at: saraholimpiacarts@gmail.com

We will practice on Thursday evenings in November in Calvert Manor.

Caroling will take place on Tuesday evenings during Advent. *Tentative* caroling schedule:

Nov. 30 Moyaone/Piscataway Park caroling
Dec. 7 ~Livingston/Farmington and south, west of 210
Dec. 14 ~Bryan Point and north, west of 210
Dec. 21 Calvert Manor caroling

Please do email or talk to me in-person to let me know if you would like to receive carolers or if you know someone who would benefit from some festive spirit! We will not show up without prior arrangement. The tentative schedule is dependent on the geographical proportioning of caroling receivers (households that wish to receive carolers), and we can do 4–8 houses per night, so let me know if you would like to receive carolers!



MOYAONE OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION A SUCCESS

The Moyaone community gathered to celebrate Oktoberfest with joy and laughter. It was a perfect fall day for beer, brats and all things German. The Community Center was decorated and more than 100 revelers of all ages were ready to celebrate.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who worked to make the evening special. Special thanks to John Hollyfield, Mr. Oktoberfest, for his efforts to preserve this traditional celebration.

Funds raised will be used to make improvements to the Moyaone Community Center buildings, grounds, and recreational facilities.



Going Down to the Hard Bargain Farm ... at the Alice Ferguson Foundation

Family Adventures in Nature

Be a part of our FAN Club! Families will explore the farm, meet our barnyard animals, discover cool critters on a nature walk, take a hayride to the river, create fall-themed crafts, and much more! Choose from two 3-week sessions on Sunday afternoons.

[SAVE YOUR SPOT HERE](#)

Program Dates

Session 1: Oct. 17, 24 and 31

Session 2: Nov. 14, 21, and 28

Cost: \$90/family per 3-week session

Join Us For Fun on the Farm - New Sessions Added!

Only a few spots remain for our Egg-cellent Experience session on Sat., Oct. 16. Join us at Hard Bargain Farm. Hang out with our barnyard friends, lend a hand with a few chores around the farm, and meet the farmers and educators who care for our animals. It's the perfect fall activity for the whole family! [SAVE YOUR SPOT HERE](#)

Session Dates & Times

Cost: \$15 per person. Kids free under the age of two.

An Egg-cellent Experience. Oct. 16, 4–6 pm
SPACE LIMITED!

Talkin' Turkey. Nov. 20, 4–6 pm

Make & Take: Natural Wreath Workshop. Dec. 4, 2–4 pm

Become A Member

We invite you to join our community of members! For \$45 annually, you and your household will receive an invitation to the Annual Member Meeting, Member Holiday Party and other member-only events, as well as reduced tickets for "Pinot on the Potomac" and other workshops. [LEARN MORE HERE](#)

We can't wait to see you at the Farm! Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Rd.; fergusonfoundation.org

Getting Outside in Piscataway Park

Native Tree Identification Hike

Mon., Oct. 11, 10–11:30 am. \$10 per participant.

Participants will be introduced to the basics of tree identification and learn how trees provide food, medicine, and materials for Piscataway People throughout the past and present. The tour will be a trail walk through various ecosystems of the Indigenous Cultural Landscape.

This walking tour takes place outdoors and over uneven terrain. Unvaccinated visitors over the age of 2 years are asked to wear masks during the tour, and all visitors are required to wear a mask inside the Visitor Center and other public buildings.

Hands-on History: Come Dye with Us

*Sat., Oct. 23. 11–11:45 am; 12–12:45, 1–1:45, or 2–2:45 pm
\$10 per participant. Registration required for all participants.*

Prior to the invention of synthetic dyes, how did people acquire colors for their clothing? Natural dyes have been used by the many cultures who called Piscataway Park home to add color and express personality/cultural ties within their clothing. Over the last year, we've gathered natural plants, berries, and nuts to use in the colorful transformation of our very own Hog Island wool. Come and learn more about the skills used to take dyestuff gathered from our site and make natural dyes. Join our textile volunteers as they walk you through the steps and skills, enjoying the transformative beauty of natural dyes on natural fibers. The natural chemistry of dyeing is amazing!

This is a hands-on experience requiring the ability to follow directions and handle dyes. Camp stoves and heated dye baths will be used, so please come prepared to follow safety guidelines. We recommend this activity for youth (accompanied by a parent) ages 8 and up. All participants will have the opportunity to dye a small handspun skein of yarn and take it home.

We ask that social distancing be adhered to at all times, and mask wearing if social distancing is not possible will be in place to ensure a safe and fun environment for all.

Farm Tours

Fridays, Oct. 15 and 29. 1–2 pm, or 2:30–3:30 pm

Adults and Children 3 years and older, \$7 each.

All tours must be booked by 5 pm the evening before the tour is scheduled.

Take a tour through 1770 led by one of our educators. Explore the grounds of a working tobacco farm and meet its two- and four-legged residents. Suitable for all ages.

Please note: Renovation work on some historic buildings limits inside access. This one-hour walking tour takes place outdoors and over uneven terrain. Unvaccinated visitors over the age of 2 years are asked to wear masks during the tour, and all visitors are required to wear a mask inside the Visitor Center and other public buildings.

Register online: <https://calendar.accokeekfoundation.org>
Proceeds support the Accokeek Foundation's education programs and land conservation work in Piscataway Park. The Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES POPULATION, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC SURVEY OUTLINING COUNTY'S GROWTH

UPPER MARLBORO, MD — The Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) recently released a new report, Population, Housing, and Economic Survey of Prince George's County, identifying a 5.3% growth in the County's total population, a 4.4% increase in the County's senior population, and 4.5% growth with individuals of Hispanic ethnicity based on historical data and trends from 2010–2019. In addition, the median household income increased more than 23% and the median value of owned homes in Prince George's County rose from about \$286,000 in 2010 to over \$334,000 in 2019. Through raw data with accompanying tables, charts, and graphs, M-NCPPC outlines various topics including general demographics, population growth, housing and land occupancy, social data and indicators, and financial and economic trends.

"Much of the data from this comprehensive report on the population of Prince George's County is derived from Census information," said James Cannistra, Chief, Information Management Division. "The report focuses on data and trends from the last decade and provides an established format as new 2020 Census data and information becomes available. The next major update to the publication is projected for 2022 after the complete 2020 Census data is published and made available for analysis."

The Population, Housing, and Economic Survey of Prince George's County documents and provides:

- current demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the County.
- trends in the same characteristics over time and provides a baseline for measurement of future changes.
- a resource for M-NCPPC staff, County personnel, residents, and business community to better inform planning and economic development decisions.
- information and a template for market studies and small area studies.

The public may access and download a digital file of the Population, Housing, and Economic Survey of Prince George's County publication free of charge via the Planning Department's website: <https://www.mncppc.org/DocumentCenter/View/18114/Population-Housing-and-Economic-Survey-of-Prince-Georges-County-for-Web>

The Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is responsible for preserving, protecting, and managing the county's resources through high-quality planning services and growth management guidance. Visit our website, www.pgplanning.org to learn how you can become engaged in shaping the future of your community.

Funeral Mass for Robert and Charlotte Gillespie (of West Auburn)

Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 10:30 am
St. Paul's Church, 2430 K Street, NW
Washington, DC

Interment and reception at St. Paul's follow immediately after the service.

Parking on the street in front of the church and in the church parking lot is very limited, and carpooling is encouraged. However, there are plenty of parking garages in the area, and the church is easily accessible by Metro and is one block from the Foggy Bottom Metro station.

Harpers Ferry Program Offers Writing Workshops

This October, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and the Harpers Ferry Park Association will host Kathleen Ernst as Artist-in-Residence. Ernst will research historic floods, Virginius Island as a thriving industrial village, Island Park and B&O Railroad tourism, and the impact of Jim Crow and segregation.

Ernst is a best-selling author of award-winning mysteries, historical fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Her research will be the backdrop for two free virtual historical fiction writing workshops open to the public. Participants will create or further develop a piece of historical fiction set in Harpers Ferry or another location of choice.

- Wed., Oct. 20 and 27, 6:30–8:30 pm (via Zoom)

Both beginning and experienced writers are welcome. To register, fill out [this form](#). The number of participants is limited. For more information, visit the program webpage or contact Samantha Zurbuch, Volunteer Program Coordinator, 304-535-5017.

PG Library Offers Chromebooks to Lend

"**Online 2Go Chromebooks**" can be borrowed from Prince George's County library branches, including Accokeek. Adults ages 18 and older with library cards in good standing may borrow the Kajeet LTE Chromebooks, and one device per customer may be borrowed. No LINK or student accounts will be allowed. Customers may borrow the Chromebook for 3 weeks. Each Chromebook is pre-loaded with Google Chrome, Google Classroom, Skype, and Zoom. Borrowers are responsible for any loss or damage while the device is checked out.

Teen Coding Club Available through Library's "Virtual Branch." Practice coding on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 4–5 pm (<https://pgcmls.info/event/5382971>). Learn JavaScript, meme-making, app coding, and more. Teens 13–18 welcome; contact the PG Library to join its Discord channel. The virtual branch of the library is available 24/7 to PGCMLS cardholders. Please visit our [Online Resources](#) page to gain access to many worthwhile resources or attend one of our many virtual events by visiting pgcmls.info/events.