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President's Note: **Maintaining Our Community**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We have ended the first quarter of 2022 and I'd like to thank those of you who've paid 2022 dues. Many households have stepped up and have either paid their dues in full or have arranged for ACH payments, but there are still many who have not. We deeply appreciate those of you who are able to pay, and we also understand that some would like to pay but are in a financial place where they are not able to do so this year.

While we sometimes use the term "HOA" to describe our system of community management, we are far from it. The founders of Moyaone Reserve decided long ago that our community would not be an HOA and that membership in the community would be voluntary. They were an idealistic bunch, the community was much smaller then, and dues were next to nothing — almost all were members. The founders understood sacrifice and stewardship — many were children of the Depression and/or WWII.

Now, 60 years later, our community has changed. Dues are not next to nothing, although at a cost of about \$65 per month, that's pretty cheap for most of us. That small voluntary payment is stretched a long way by those who manage the community's finances. A lot goes toward managing the pool and maintaining our private roads and there's usually some left over for other projects — some needed, some wanted.

We all want to live in a community with wonderfully maintained roads and a beautiful Commons area and pool that we are proud of and where our children feel safe. You may not live on a private road or use the pool, but these are amenities that affect the perception of your community and give added value to your homes. As many of us have seen the value of our properties increase thanks to COVID and other factors, the amenities that the Moyaone Association owns should be a reflection of the value of your home.

MOYAONE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 7, 3 pm

*Moyaone Commons
2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek*

Social hour to follow.

If you have not yet paid your 2022 dues — please, it's never too late!

If you are selling your Moyaone home, please include a clause that encourages the new owners to pay community dues.

If you have paid your dues — bravo, merci, thank you!

— Rose Kim

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Thank You to all those who have paid their 2022 Moyaone Association consolidated fees. Names listed reflect payments received as of April 1. For questions and corrections, please contact Comptroller Karen Bell (MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com).

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Cliff & Tatiana Anderson, Laurel Dr
Michael Architzel & Emily Canavan, Poplar Hill Rd
Josue & Gloria Barrera, Apple Valley Rd
Ed Bednar, Poplar Hill Rd
Matt & Karen Bell, Cactus Hill Rd
Thann & Brooke Bennett, Old Landing Rd
Rita Bergman & Nan Fremont, Steamboat Landing Rd
*Joe Buckingham, Cactus Hill
Kevin & Rosemary Burke, Hidden Valley Rd
Mike Campbell, Bryan Point Rd
Kelly Canavan, Colonial Rd
Marty Carts & Paola Addamiano-Carts, Poplar Hill Rd
Robert Chamberlain, Overlook Dr
Doug & Jeanie Ciskowski, Bryan Point Rd
Thomas Clay & Kathleen O'Day, Reserve Rd
Mike Cohn & Linda Witkin, Rockwood Rd
Fran Cohen, Bryan Point Rd
Rick Collin & Richard Wheeler, Laurel Dr
Soren Dayton & Amanda Butler, Hidden Valley Rd
Jamie & Jen Decatur, Bryan Point Rd
Robert Cook Deegan & Kathryn Cook-Deegan, West Ridge Rd
Frank DeLeon & Amity Glenn-Chase, Laurel Dr
Rose Essex, Hidden Valley Rd
Jon & Alix Evans, Laurel Dr
Jonathan Faull & Valerie Volcovici, Reserve Rd
* Travis Ferguson, Bonds Retreat
Richard & Jeanette Finkbeiner, Sanford Dr
James Finger & Carol Cox, Colonial Rd
Michael & Naomi Fischerkeller, Apple Valley Rd
Daniel & Eleanor Fishman, Old Landing Rd
Eric Frazier & Atiyah Curmally, Reserve Rd
Tom & Crystal Garcia, Poplar Hill Rd
Chris Garrett, Laurel Dr
Charlie & Ruth Gaumont, Reserve Rd
Clifford George, Old Marshall Hall Rd
Bobby & Kelly Gheen, Poplar Hill Rd
Jon & Sarah Gillespie, West Ridge Rd
Laura Gillespie, Bryan Point Rd
Judith Gladson, Apple Valley Rd
Jane Gould, Apple Valley Rd
Robert & Melinda Gruwell, Poplar Hill
Wendy Hall, Colonial Rd
Rhonda Hanson, Rockwood Rd
David Hansz, Auburn E Rd
Doug Hattaway, Colonial Rd
Hans Haucke, Poplar Hill Rd
Kent L. & Kristen C. Hibben, Overlook Dr
Warren Hodavance & Meredith Murray, Overlook Dr
John & Lynn Hollyfield, Bryan Point Rd
Hugh & Kristy Huettner, Colonial Rd
John Jackson & Linda Gorsuch, Colonial Rd
Bobby Jagger & Julia Paaajanen, Auburn W Rd
Craig & Lucinda Jolly, Old Landing Rd
Guy Jones & Jennifer Mudge, Hidden Valley Rd
Sue Jones, Laurel Dr
Tarik Kader & Serena LeGrow, West Ridge Rd
Sigrid Kagle, Rockwood Rd
Dan & Samatha Katz, Cactus Hill
Doug & Lori Keim, Laurel Dr
Steve & Rose Kim, Auburn W Rd
Ben & Karen Kirkup, Cactus Hill Rd

Logan Kistler & Anna Sewell, Poplar Hill
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Franco & Shawwna Mazeriegos, Bonds Retreat Rd
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Tim Melham & Mina Karimi, Old Landing Rd
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Vivian Mills, Overlook Dr
John & Betty Mitchell, Reserve Rd
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Mike Nelson & Nora Tobin, Steamboat Landing Rd
Chris Novack & Andi St. John, Old Landing Rd
Roger Osborn, Reserve Rd
Jason & Kaitlyn Palatucci, Bonds Retreat
Andrew Palmateer & Rehka Raj, Poplar Hill Rd
Jerome & Mary Joan Park, Old Marshall Hall Rd
Bill & Janet Parker, Rockwood Rd
Gary Penn & Norman Allen, Auburn W Rd
Jerry & Mary Jo Perrizo, Reserve Rd
Larry & Gwen Peters, Cactus Hill Rd
Harold & Mary Lee Phelps, Colonial Rd
Frank Pipitone & Amanda Truett, East Ridge Rd
Gordon & Lona Powell, Apple Valley Rd
Kay Powell, Auburn W Rd
Michael Plesniak & Karen Hoagberg, Laurel Dr
Ron & Becky Pollack, Poplar Hill Rd
Gordon & Lona Powell, Apple Valley Rd
Mike Ramundo & Luz Stansbury, Auburn W Rd.
Morgan & Erin Reese, Auburn W Rd
Ellen Reiben, Cactus Hill Rd
David & Peggy Reichard, Bryan Point Rd
William Robertson & Anne Stokes, E Ridge Rd
Robert Root, Reserve Rd
John & Cindi Rudzis, W Ridge Rd
Phillip & Hsin-I Russell, Reserve Rd
Cory Sanna & Deborah Buelow, Bryan Point Rd
Bo Saylor, Steamboat Landing
Herbert & Linda Savage, Old Landing Rd
Matt Schwaller & Sheryl Romeo, E Ridge Rd
Bill & Rhonda Scott, Auburn E Rd
Brian Sentman & Lindsay Laws, Laurel Dr
Larry & Hanyoung Spalding, Poplar Hill Rd
* Bill Stagg, Sanford Dr
Pete & Erica Strass, Colonial Rd
Russ Strathern & Allie Houseworth, Bryan Point Rd
Harriet & Donald Taylor, Overlook Dr
Chris & Kathy Tesi, Hidden Valley Rd
Patricia Tesi, Old Marshall Hall Rd/Poplar Hill
Jim Thompson, Rockwood Rd
James Tinsley & Wendy Vogenitz, Auburn W Rd
Steve & Ikuko Turner, Rockwood Rd
Holly Wagner, Bryan Point Rd
Tom & Meghan Wallace, Old Marshall Hall Rd
Bud & Marilyn Wareham, Cactus Hill Rd
Eileen Watts, Overlook Dr
David & Nancy Weiman, Bryan Point Rd
Cedric & Cathy Welch, Bryan Point Rd
Sylvia Wilk, Auburn W Rd
Daniel Wise & James Wickman, Bryan Point Rd
*Paul Wright, Ships Knee
Daniel Zak, Rockwood Rd

**Unimproved lot.*



2022 MOYAONE HOMES TOUR

A fantastic tour is planned for this year featuring many new homes that have never been on the tour.

This will be your opportunity to explore lovely historical homes, wander through luxurious newer residences, enjoy the woods in spring, and buy art by our local artists.

The tour will end with the traditional Wine and Cheese Social, auction, and art sale.

April 30, 2022 • 1–5 pm

*Registration and Sign-in is being held at the Moyaone Community Center
2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek MD*

**Wine and Cheese Social
Auction and Art Sale
5–7 pm**

Tickets are
\$35 per person when prepaid,
and \$40 at the door.

You may pre-register through Eventbrite
by clicking the link: <https://tinyurl.com/2022MHT>

Join us and have a fun day in the neighborhood.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association
invites you to celebrate the viewshed with a

Reception on the East Lawn

Sunday, May 22, 2022

5:30–7:30 p.m.

Round trip boat service to be provided:
5:00 p.m. – Depart Accokeek Foundation pier
7:30 p.m. – Depart Mount Vernon wharf

or drive and park at Mount Vernon

Business casual attire

Our Roots: A Source of Enrichment

Dear Moyaone Reservers,

What stays constant for us landowners during change is knowing that uncertainties are faced most easily when hearing the message of our roots. Many who grew up here, and those who arrive seeking connection to (y)our forest's folks, flora, and fauna, find the Founders' facts and focus refreshing.

So, as a cyclical refresher, the original Scenic Easement (see page 10 of this issue), formed through Public Law 93-444 and a December 2020 National Park Service resource, "Preservation and Partners: A History of Piscataway Park" by Janet A. McDonnell, are attached and will also be sent as PDFs attached to a pending Public Affairs Bulletin, alongside Rita Bergman's Fundraising Survey (see a copy of the survey on page 5).

These narratives parallel the Founders' books you perhaps already have (feel free to ask me for copies: KentLHibben@gmail.com) of our history here, such as in *The Possible Dream: Saving George Washington's View* by Robert Ware (Bobby) Straus, Geo. Hanssen's *Moyaone Reserve* book, Kay Powell's *After Alice*, and those written by Henry and Alice Ferguson.

And, those eager to find our documented Moyaone Reserve past can further dive into the reference resources at the College of Southern Maryland. Holdings there include our written history (see the link below, or the PDF in the aforementioned pending Public Affairs Bulletin):

<https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/library-services/southern-maryland-studies-center/archival-finding-aids.html>

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Moyaone Association Public Affairs Chair*

Pulse of the Pool

Introducing Pool Manager Will Micknick

Our community pool, a hidden gem located in the Moyaone Reserve and Piscataway Park, is excited to introduce Will Micknick as our pool manager. See Will's intro/bio at right. Please give him a warm welcome. We are looking forward to the start of the 2022 pool season and seeing new and fresh faces. See Pool Hours. We are also excited for another excellent season with the Accokeek Swim Team (Go Gators)! Help us start the season right – there will be lots of opportunities to participate with work parties in April and May, a picnic and potluck, and more — additional details forthcoming.



Will's Intro/Bio

Hello! My name is Will Micknick and I'm excited to announce I'll be managing the Moyaone Community Pool this year. I have been working at the pool as a lifeguard for the past 4 summers, and I'm looking forward to having another wonderful season this year. I am 20 years old, and I'm currently working towards a degree in information sciences, as I will be attending the University of Maryland, College Park in the fall. Some of my hobbies include swimming in the summer and snowboarding in the winter, with a lot of reading in between. Not only have I grown up in Accokeek my entire life, I had the pleasure of being on the Accokeek Swim Team at the pool for over a decade, making many friends and learning about the area along the way. The pool is an important part of the Moyaone's history and community, and in my tenure as manager I hope to keep it thriving and fun for everybody!

The 2021 Pool Committee is comprised of the following community members: Crystal Garcia, Ben Grenoble, Rhonda Hanson, Michael Leventhal, Will Micknick, Hsin-I Russell, and Nancy Weiman. Each of us represents some part of the pool's stakeholders, including in no particular order, the Accokeek Swim Team (AST) (Go Gators!), the pool's management and lifeguards, the Board of Trustees of the Moyaone Association, Association members, and 2022 pool members themselves. These groups make up our very own Pool Medley!

We welcome all who are interested in helping make our opening day a success! Please come to our next meeting, the 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm at 2311 Bryan Point Road at the Moyaone Commons Pavilion; reach out to any of us, or to me (email russelhc@yahoo.com or call 301-292-8341), to reserve a spot.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date, mark your calendars, all hands on deck

Saturday	April/May tba	Pool Opening – work party
Sunday	April/May tba	(Rain date)
	Week before Memorial Day	Pool Inspection by PG County
Friday	May 27	AST open house – Metro suits, food
Saturday	May 28	Pool opens – Free Day
Sunday	May 29	Community Picnic & Potluck
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day – official opening
Tuesday	May 31	AST's first practice

POOL HOURS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		7:30-9am	Early Morning Swim			
9:30-11 Early Morning Swim	9-11 Swim Team	9-11 Pool maintenance	9-11 Swim Team	9-11 Pool maintenance	9-11 Swim Team	9:30-11 Early Morning Swim
11am-8pm Recreational Swim (1 lap lane, except Tue & Thu 1 lap lane until 6pm)						
		6-8pm Swim team in 4 lanes		6-8pm Swim team in 4 lanes		
		8-9pm Adult Swim		8-9pm Adult Swim		

Sat & Sunday

9:30-11 Early Morning Swim
11-8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane)
(½ hour cleanup after closing)

M/W/F

7:30-9 Early morning Swim
9-11 Swim Team
11-8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane)
(½ hour cleanup after closing)

T/Th

7:30-9 Early morning swim
9-11 Pool maintenance
11-8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane until 6)
6-8 Swim team in 4 lanes
8-9 Adult swim
(½ hour cleanup after closing)

Fundraising Committee Survey

The Moyaone Fundraising Committee is conducting a survey to get input on what community members would like to recommend for potential improvements or new projects for the Moyaone. We are soliciting ideas in several topical areas. If you have a specific idea, please be sure to let us know as well. Please rank each of the areas from 1-4, where 4 is the highest priority, and 1 is the lowest.

Some ideas we have heard mentioned include: field grading near the playground to eliminate muddy areas; renovation of bathrooms; improvements to flooring in community center by adding vinyl tile or linoleum; addition of baffling to improve sound; and remediation of the mold in the Wagner Center. These are some thoughts, but there are likely others. Please help us identify the areas that you think would benefit the community the most and return your completed survey no later than April 20 to ritabergman22@gmail.com. You can also drop off hardcopy at 6850 Steamboat Landing Rd. The survey will also be published in Word via a Public Affairs email so you can fill out and return electronically. Note only one survey is requested per household.

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, thanks for your participation.

Category	Rank	Specific Suggestion
Wagner Center		
Moyaone Commons		
Cook Shack/Pavilion		
Playground		
Soccer Field		
Pool		
Property abutting soccer field with burned house		
Other		



Meeting: Wagner Center Acoustics Improvement?

Saturday, April 23 at 3 pm

3:00 Music by Lynn Hollyfield and Chris Aills
3:30 Meeting, Wagner Ctr., 2311 Bryan Point Rd.

Purpose: To decide whether to recommend proposed Wagner Center acoustic improvements to the annual Moyaone Association Membership Meeting on May 7. How would we present the acoustic problem, namely reverberation, and its realistic remediation?

Professor Ian Hoffman, Peabody Institute, Johns Hopkins, is an architect and acoustic designer as well as educator. He will discuss how the Wagner Center's structure affects sound, and give a demonstration of the effects on speech. Frank Pipitone on the piano will show how the building affects what an audience can hear.

Prof. Hoffman will then discuss the modifications to the building he has suggested that will improve the building's acoustics. They consist of wall panels and baffles hung from the ceiling. Costs, fund raising, and reasons to implement this plan will be covered. The presentation will include recommended improvements that have the lowest cost and sufficient remediation.

We will have a discussion of costs, fund raising, and reasons to implement this plan. After the discussion, there will be a vote about recommending the acoustic remediation of the Wagner Center, which would improve the room's acoustics for a music venue, teaching space, and of course meetings.

Refreshments: Please bring a beverage or appetizer to share.

Grader on the Move: Give It Some Room!



We're now formally into the spring grading cycle. Please help by giving us room ... it's not helpful to have a car fly up on the grader (like the driver in the Tesla on Reserve Road the other day). This is, believe it or not, precision work

— especially the final pass. Interruptions make it tough to keep the grade right, and an interruption during that final pass often means the operator has to go back and start over. That wastes time and money.

Also on the subject of room: please keep obstructions and anything you care about at least a foot or so back from the edge of the roadway. Anything in or close to the ditchline will likely be damaged, if not removed. (And if there's debris remaining from the ice storms — tree parts, etc. — it would be really helpful to have that removed.)

Lastly, in the **Help Wanted** department: We're seeking someone to help with brush removal and trimming along portions of Moyaone roads. We need somebody with their own tools and equipment who can work independently and follow instructions to the letter. This is contract work for the Moyaone Association. Contact stan@fetter.net if you're interested.



Accokeek Artists to Show Their Works at Multiple Venues

Come see Accokeek Artists' Alliance (AAA) art at Mattawoman Creek Art Center this Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11 am–4 pm. Don't miss seeing your friends' and neighbors' art in such a splendid setting (including Lona Powell's motorcycle, pictured at right). The AAA has had record sales but there is still art left for savvy shoppers before the show's closing date, Sunday, April 17.



Next up is the inaugural debut of AAA art in conjunction with the biennial Moyaone Homes Tour on April 30, 1–5 pm, at Daniel Wise's Barn Studio. Get your ticket for the Homes Tour and enjoy this new addition to this highly popular event: <https://tinyurl.com/2022MHT>.

Check out the Accokeek Foundation's "Latte with Lambs" on May 14. You'll be pleasantly surprised to see AAA artists demonstrating and exhibiting art.

Now onward to June. A new event for all — members and non-members — the yART sale at Moyaone Commons on Saturday, June 18 (rain date, Sunday, June 19). Coffee and snacks in Tiki Bar. Set up at 7:30 am, sales start at 8. Bring your own table. Register by June 10. Are you wondering what a yART sale is?

A yART sale looks like a yard sale but is a clearance of art and materials related to the creation of art. Items can include:

- actual art (prints, paintings, sculptures) that need new homes.
- canvas (painted or unpainted)
- paints, brushes, pencils, markers, or any materials you have in your creative stash that's just taking up room.
- frames, easels, art related hardware
- art books, music books, poetry books, textbooks about the arts
- instruments, sheet music, records, tapes
- fiber arts related materials (please do not bring live sheep, alpacas, or rabbits), looms, dyes, extra yarns, thread, fabrics
- studio fixtures like lighting, hanging materials, storage, display furniture
- printing materials
- carving tools
- digital tools
- ceramics, glass, Fimo, papers

Art lovers and/or art makers can send their questions to: www.accokeekartistsalliance.com.

Moyaone May Day Update

It's less than a month to go to the first annual Moyaone May Day. The Moyaone Morris Dancers, who have been practicing on Mondays, look forward to celebrating Spring with our community. Also joining the festivities will be the Foggy Bottom Morris Men.

Schedule for Sunday May 1

At Dawn: Raising of the May Pole on the soccer field. Pancake breakfast at the food pavilion. For those who will!
2:00 pm: Grand Processional followed by dancing around the Maypole, Singing and Morris Dancing for all.

3:00 pm: An Improper tea near the Moyaone Community Garden. A chance to meet real Morris dancers and your neighbors. Hosted by the Moyaone May Day team.

3:30–4:30 pm: Moyaone Spring Games— Croquet, Toss the Wellie, and Sack Races, ending with a grand tug-of war.

4:45 pm or so: Wood-fired pizza from the famous Moyaone pizza crew; potluck salads and desserts. Beer supplied by the Moyaone Brewing Collective.

Volunteers are still welcome to help with programming, setting up, and running the field games. New Morris dancers and musicians are most welcome as well.

This is a free event. Donations and potluck food items suggested. For more information: Karen@karenheys.com

Two CCYO Quartets Advance to Finals in Chamber Music Competition

Two string quartets of students from the Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO) have advanced to the finals of the Misbin Chamber Music Competition in Washington DC, presented in conjunction with the Washington Performing Arts Society. Members of the quartets are Blythe McCammon, Kelsey Njembu, Esther Bonney, Joseph Bonney, Eileen Browning, and Candace Jackson.

According to CCYO director, Dr. Osman Kivrak, "I am so very proud of these students! Participating in CCYO and chamber music helps students develop good working habits: teamwork, social skills, discipline and perseverance while having fun performing great works of composers from all around the world."

Upcoming CCYO events include the Spring Concert, May 15, at Thomas Stone High School, performances at Nature Fest on April 30 and Arts Fest on June 11 and three "Secret Garden Concerts" at Christ Church, La Plata, on the first three Saturdays in May. In addition, the third annual Concerto Competition Concert will be held on June 4 at Christ Church.

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. For more information, contact Dr. Osman Kivrak, CCYO Director (301 375-7109; charlescountyyouthorchestra@gmail.com).

2022 Moyaone Chili Cook-Off a Tasty Success

The 2022 Moyaone Chili Cook-Off was held March 5 on a beautiful warm evening at the Commons and pavilion. We had a total of 29 entries including 11 plant-based entries that were very popular. First and second place for meat-based options were Tom Garcia, and John/Neil Hollyfield, respectively. First and second place for plant-based options were Doug Ciskowski and Valerie Volcovici, respectively. First place prize was \$50; second place was a beautiful graphic design poster by one of our resident artists, Cindi Rudzis. The judges' criteria included, taste, texture, flavor (spice blend), and originality. We were delighted to welcome and meet several new residents to the community who participated as well.



A big thanks to everyone who provided entries: Plant-based options — Janet Parker, Jeanie Freeman, Frances Taylor, Meagan Wallace, Dan Wise, Karen Heys, Axel and Alex Naar, Lucy Allen and Gwen Peters. Meat-based contestants included: Carol Cox, Bobby Paajanen, John Jackson (JJ), Tom Wallace, Jim Wickham, John Mitchell, Karina Mullins, Jason Palatucci, Jennifer Decatur, James Decatur, Nancy Weiman, Walt Bigelow, Kristen Cibelli Hibben, Joe LaBrie, and Crystal Garcia. One indicator of how enthusiastic, or shall we say competitive, everyone was is that we had several instances of two entries from one household!

Also thanks to our judges who had to taste all entries in their respective categories: Jonathan Faull, Steve Turner, Cindi Rudzis (meat entries); and Anna Sewell and Logan Kistler (plant-based entries).

Wanted at the Moyaone Community Commons:

Occasional gardening soil deposits and "walking-by" weed removal are much needed.

Five gallons of good garden soil for touching up new garden and landscaping areas at the Moyaone Commons would be much appreciated by plants, looky-loos, and volunteers. If you put your name on the bucket, we will return it. Otherwise, please dump it in a pile at the corner of the Wagner Center closest to the community garden. Questions? Call/text Holly W., 240-778-3350.

We are looking for anyone who frequents the Commons and who doesn't mind stretching their back to please pull up a weed or two. We don't ask much — pulling up the two largest, easiest-to-pull-out weeds that you see is great. Call Holly for "weed" identity and locations most in need of attention (usually those along frontage of pool and center and within pool area.)



Alice Ferguson Foundation Looks Ahead to Summer

Join us June 4 at “Pinot on the Potomac”

Tickets are on sale now! Come enjoy a summer picnic and *un-wine-d* for a good cause on Saturday, June 4. A ticket to local wine tasting, delicious food, mystery goodies, and a breathtaking view are just a click away. Purchase tickets [here!](#)



Summer Adventure Camp at Hard Bargain Farm

Fun in the sun is just a few months away! Join us this July for Summer Adventure Camp, featuring two adventurous one-week sessions (full- and half-day options available). Kids will spend every day outside exploring nature and farm life on our 330-acre property. Learn more and save your spot [here!](#)

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Rd.
fergusonfoundation.org

Volunteers Needed! Earth Day Shoreline Clean-Up at the Accokeek Foundation

This year, the Accokeek Foundation will NOT be hosting a river clean-up on April 9. Instead, we're hosting a shoreline clean-up to celebrate Earth Day on Friday, April 22, 3–6 pm. Join us on Earth Day to help us take a stand against the trash piling up along the shoreline. Volunteers will record data about trash collection, sort recyclables, and make the shoreline sparkle! Participating volunteers must be able to walk moderate distances and travel along the uneven terrain of the shoreline. All ages are welcome. [Register here to participate.](#)

Lattes with Lambs: Tickets on sale now!

Join us on May 14 to welcome the new additions to the barnyard at this spring's Lattes with Lambs festival! We have brand new lambs and calves that are looking forward to meeting you. This year's event will feature farm-themed activities for the whole family, local food and coffee trucks, sheep-shearing demonstrations, and, of course, everyone's favorite animals. Tickets:

[\\$15 general admission, \\$5 for children 10 and under](#)

Farm Tours April 15 at 1 pm and 2:30 pm

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. [Register online.](#)

City Nature Challenge Wildlife Count: April 29–May 2

Do you enjoy spending time observing nature? Make your observations count! Join us for the DC City Nature Challenge April 29–May 2. During that time period, participate by observing wildlife here at the park or at home, taking a picture, and sharing it on iNaturalist. Or join up with a Master Naturalist on a guided walk on the following dates and times:

- [Friday, April 29, 10a – 12p, Topic: Lichens!](#)
- [Sunday, May 1, 1p – 3p, Topic: Insects!](#)

Your efforts will help us collect valuable information that will shape our natural resource management plans, and who knows, maybe you'll discover something new!

No need to register to ID on your own, but register at the links above to sign up for one of the guided walks or contact the Natural Resources Coordinator at rharley@accokeek.org for more information!

The Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek; info@accokeek.org

Thoughts on Moyaone Roadsides and Looking at the Case of Poplar Hill

A shared sense of community, and of Home, following the recent traumatic body discovery, abandoned vehicle fires on our forested lanes, and other trespasses – is offered as a model for other sections of the Moyaone Reserve to also consider.

Many of us on the Poplar Hill Loop have redoubled our recurrent roadside TLC, at our own cost and elbow grease. May these actions of ours (and our helping hands, when trees block other sections of Moyaone Reserve roads), guided by Maryland DNR forestry practices, and NPS partner Scenic Easements (see partner article) offer inspiration beyond Poplar Hill's Loop.

The roads we had built in Moyaone Reserve's infancy are our properties' singular connection with the rest of the world. To keep the road surfaces and roadsides healthy, AND to keep the rest-of-world responsive to our rights of peace, property, and privacy, I, as an Overlook lifer and Poplar Loop Co-captain share an open letter to the rest of the Moyaone Reserve.

Poplar Loop Friends,

I hope you're all marching along into Spring with a sense of Home-pride and hope.

Among those focused on making our roads more definitively ours: The privacy we've earned by choosing our homes in a "No Outlet" forest nook can be helped through considering a range of actions. Gathered from my growing up here, and from a recent tour as Roads Chair, these include in random order (among those that you might add):

1) Keeping a handy roster of each Looper's phone number, and a calling-tree, to confirm status of each homesteader here, during weather events and otherwise.

2) Helping keep the Poplar Hill and Old Landing entrances kempt. Keeping clear the line of sight at Poplar and Old Marshall Hall Rd. (OMH) is an ongoing success, thanks to many of you readers!

a) swapping out old posts and rails, removing the tree bits, and

b) scrubbing/fixing the Old Landing sign

c) repainting the Poplar Hill sign (Candice Bigelow has some plans for that),

d) repairing/repainting the Ships Knee Drive sign, and de-vining (both) Overlook Drive signs.

3) Posting at the top of the OMH hill, at the Old Bill's Way/ Red Dog Run intersection, a prominent sign that states: "No Outlet — No Trespassing Ahead/Private Property Enforced" or the equivalent. This is to decrease (at least among the driving population that cares) outsiders' vehicles on our private roads.

4) Placing, at least annually, the "Road Closed" signs (and posting this action in, say, the *Maryland Independent* newspaper), using "Road Closed/Private Property tripod signs at the Poplar/OMH and OMH/Old Landing

intersections. This can manifest by placing/posting (for 24 hours) such signs visible to drivers in a way to not create a safety hazard, as a visual, not physical barrier to ingress and egress.

5) Removing the large dead tree at the left side of Old Landing/OMH intersection, going downhill.

6) Further trimming back saplings damaged by the January storm. [Volunteers have safely and ably completed two intersections, and are proceeding, in sync with those whose road front it is, to again clear the balance of threatening limbs, trunks, and invasives along the roadsides.]

7) Dropping a timely heads-up to Stan@Fetter.net with a cc: to KentLHibben@gmail.com, for maintenance needs or tree clearings on the road's surfaces, with

a) the nearest mailbox number, and

b) if one or both lanes are not safely navigable.

8) Further engaging with USPP (Carl_Holmberg@NPS.gov, Officer Rannacher SDRannacher@co.pg.md.us from Prince George's County or Charles County Sheriff WorleyA@CCSO.us to keep knowledge of/responsiveness to our (private) stretches and Home-safety top of their mind.

9) Sharing with Officer Rannacher, and his Charles Co. colleagues, plates and descriptions of suspicious/reckless vehicles on our private roads, to identify trespassers/repeat offenders.

10) Encouraging the use of Poplar Leaf stickers for locals' vehicles.

11) Posting and placing cameras at intersections, following an okay from Loop landowners. Technology has improved, and the need has increased, for us to consider it for our Loop.

11) Identifying which vegetation to NOT remove (redbuds, cedars, etc.) and then, in coordination with the respective landowners with roads frontage, further proceeding with our successful volunteered Poplar Loop preemptive roadside management.

12) Working in sync with the Old Marshall Hall Rd.-based church, and its congregation, to keep an ongoing win-win neighborhood functioning, on topics of road safety and respect of private property (on our posted gravel roads)

Other Moyaone Reserve sections could consider these points independently, guided by the US DOJ Neighborhood Watch Manual, or the like, without impacting Moyaone Association budgets, as each section of Moyaone Reserve has unique residents' needs.

As we on the Poplar Loop and particularly Overlook Drive seek to regroup on our terms and reclaim Hope, we look forward to questions and to civil sorting-out of paths forward, respecting history, and furthering our role as successful neighbors and forest stewards.

At your service,

Kent L. Hibben
Moyaone Association Public Affairs Chair
and Overlook Drive resident

does not include any calendar day on which both Houses of the Congress are not in session.”
 (b) Section 9009 (b) of such Code (relating to regulations, etc.) is amended by inserting “in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)” immediately after “regulations”.

EFFECTIVE DATES

2 USC 431 note. Sec. 410. (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) and subsection (c), the foregoing provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 1975.
 Ante, p. 1272. (b) Section 104 and the amendment made by section 301 shall become effective on the date of the enactment of this Act.
 Ante, pp. 1291-1294, 1297, 1303. (c) (1) The amendments made by sections 403(a), 404, 405, 406, 408, and 409 shall apply with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1974.
 Ante, p. 1297. (2) The amendment made by section 407 shall apply with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1971.
 Approved October 15, 1974.

Public Law 93-444

AN ACT

October 15, 1974 [H. R. 4861] To amend the Act of October 4, 1961, providing for the preservation and protection of certain lands known as Piscataway Park in Prince Georges and Charles Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of October 4, 1961 (75 Stat. 780), providing for the preservation and protection of certain lands in Prince Georges and Charles Counties, Maryland, as amended, is amended as follows:

Piscataway Park, Md. Preservation and protection.

80 Stat. 319. (a) In section 2(b), amend the first sentence by striking out “drawing entitled ‘Piscataway Park,’ numbered NCR 69.714-18, and dated January 25, 1966,” and inserting in lieu thereof “drawing entitled ‘Piscataway Park,’ numbered PIS-P-90,000, and dated July 19, 1974.”
 (b) In section 2(b), delete the words “The property herein described is more particularly depicted on the drawing numbered 1961-1, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary of the Interior.”
 (c) In section 2(c), delete the first sentence and insert in lieu thereof the following: “Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, there is hereby vested in the United States all right, title and interest in, and the right to immediate possession of, all real property within the boundaries of the parcels designated A, B, C, and D, as shown on the drawing referenced in subsection 2(b). The United States will pay just compensation to the owners of any property taken pursuant to this subsection and the full faith and credit of the United States is hereby pledged to the payment of any judgment so entered against the United States. Payment shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury from moneys available and appropriated from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, subject to the appropriation limitation contained in section 4 of this Act, upon certification to him by the Secretary of the Interior of the agreed negotiated value of such property, or the valuation of the property awarded by judgment, including interest at the rate of six (6) per centum per annum from the date of taking to the date of payment therefor. In the absence of a negotiated settlement or an action by the owner within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary may initiate proceedings at any

Scenic easements, donations. 80 Stat. 319.

Post, p. 1305.

time seeking a determination of just compensation in a court of competent jurisdiction. The Secretary shall allow for the orderly termination of all operations on real property acquired by the United States in parcels A, B, C, and D of this subsection, and for the removal of equipment, facilities, and personal property therefrom: *Provided*, That in no event shall the Secretary allow operations at the Marshall Hall Amusement Park to continue beyond January 1, 1980. The Secretary shall, on lands acquired for the purposes of this park, implement a development plan which will assure public access to, and public use and enjoyment of, such lands. To further the preservation objective of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior may accept donations of scenic easements in the land within the area designated as ‘Scenic Protection Area’ on the drawing referred to in subsection (b) of this section.”
 (d) In section 4, delete “\$5,657,000” and insert “\$10,557,000”.
 Approved October 15, 1974.

Development plan.

Appropriation. 75 Stat. 780; 86 Stat. 1063.

Public Law 93-445

AN ACT

October 16, 1974 [H. R. 1530] To amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 to revise the retirement system for employees of employers covered thereunder, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, amendment.

TITLE I—THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT OF 1974

That the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 is amended to read as follows:

45 USC 228a.

“DEFINITIONS

“SECTION 1. For the purposes of this Act—
 “(a) (1) The term ‘employer’ shall include—
 “(i) any express company, sleeping-car company, and carrier by railroad, subject to part I of the Interstate Commerce Act;
 “(ii) any company which is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by, or under common control with, one or more employers as defined in paragraph (i) of this subdivision, and which operates any equipment or facility or performs any service (except trucking service, casual service, and the casual operation of equipment or facilities) in connection with the transportation of passengers or property by railroad, or the receipt, delivery, elevation, transfer in transit, refrigeration or icing, storage, or handling of property transported by railroad;
 “(iii) any receiver, trustee, or other individual or body, judicial or otherwise, when in the possession of the property or operating all or any part of the business of any employer as defined in paragraph (i) or (ii) of this subdivision;

45 USC 231.

49 USC 1.

