

Smoke Signal



MOYAONE
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

THE MOYAONE RESERVE • LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

VOLUME LXII

JULY 2022

NO. 7

President's Note:

Protecting Our Unique Community

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Greetings. It has been an eventful couple of months for your new Board of Directors. On May 22nd, Mount Vernon graciously hosted the viewshed communities with a beautiful reception in appreciation of the role each of you plays in the preservation of the Moyaone Reserve and Piscataway Park. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community in attendance, despite the looming storm. The following weekend, we celebrated with a Memorial Day potluck and cookout at the Moyaone Commons and Pool. Many thanks to Crystal, Tom, and all those who volunteered to make it a fun and successful gathering. Speaking of the pool, our season is well under way, and our Moyaone Gators Swim Team's season is off to a promising start.

Also, just this month on July 2nd, we signed the final easement document, incorporating five properties of our long-time neighbors in the Hickoryvale/Howe Estates community into the Moyaone Reserve. This was a concerted effort on the part of your previous Board, and we are all glad to see it come to fruition. Welcome aboard Howe Estates!

To say we live in a unique community is an understatement. Although the Moyaone Reserve exists within the "suburban" reach of the DC Metro area, we are privileged to enjoy a remote and secluded lifestyle on spacious protected lands. One only needs to visit Mount Vernon or drive the roads that parallel the Virginia side of the Potomac River and view our pristine landscape, to genuinely appreciate that there are almost 150 residential lots which are virtually invisible. Our lands are encompassed by Piscataway Park and administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, through the National Park Service (NPS). We are owners of our own land in a National Park. Protecting and preserving these lands come with responsibilities, which, as residents, we inherit from the previous owner, the Piscataway Company, through its agreement with the United States Government. The agreement is detailed in our active and current Scenic Easement Deed, dated February 19, 1963. The Deed and the parent document, Public Law 87-362, which established

Piscataway Park, are both available for study on our Moyaone website. My purpose here is to bring to your attention the provisions and restrictions on landowner activities which are detailed in our Deed. The topics specifically addressed in the Deed are listed below:

1. Professional and commercial activities.
2. Use of trailers as residence.
3. Purposes for which the land shall not be used.
4. Prohibition of use for public utilities.
5. Restrictions on signs and billboards.
6. Prohibition on mining and industrial activities.
7. Minimum lot size.
8. Erection or installation of out-buildings.
9. Tree cutting.
10. Tree cutting approvals.
11. Dumping.

These provisions and restrictions are common sense rules for living on protected lands, of which WE are the Protectors. If you think these might relate to you, please read, and abide by our Deed. Unfortunately, they may not always be disclosed or clear to potential buyers and new property owners in the Moyaone. We cannot assume an agent, unfamiliar with the unique agreements that accompany owning property in here, will have that necessary information in their documentation. If you are considering selling your Moyaone property, it is highly recommended that you or your agent provide this information to prospective buyers. The Moyaone Association does not have enforcement or adjudication mechanisms; however, breaches of our Deed can be referred to NPS which does bring these capabilities. In short, I would like to say *Thank you* to our Moyaone neighbors for continually remaining aware of our agreements, cooperating with our partners, and with one another to make the Moyaone Reserve the absolute best place to live.

With kindest regards,

— JR Rudzis

President, Moyaone Association
MoyaonePresident@gmail.com



Accokeek Artists Alliance Plans Winter Market

The Accokeek Artists Alliance's (AAA) yART sale in June at the Moyaone Community Center (see photo above) was enjoyed by all who attended. Lovely background music by singer/songwriter Lynn Hollyfield added to the ambiance.



AAA's fabulous Winter Market will be the weekend of December 2–4. We'll have an additional treat on Saturday, December 3: the 2nd Annual KrampusKeek, "Gathering of the Forest Krampii." Those who are curious about Krampus and KrampusKeek can email Cindi Rudzis at cynroux@me.com.

Here's an added incentive to join the AAA. Plans are under way to form a subgroup focused on

sewing skills and projects. Join now and you can get in on this new venture. Just go to www.accokeekartistsalliance.com and fill out the membership form.

Summertime Pulse of the Pool

The Moyaone Association community pool is now open through Labor Day. Anyone who is interested in coordinating or helping with September's Labor Day picnic and social and pool closing, please reach out or join the Pool Committee at our next meeting (Crystal Garcia; Ben Grenoble; Rhonda Hanson; Logan Kistler/John Rudzis; Lindsay Laws; Will Micknick; Hsin-I Russell; Nancy Weiman). We welcome all who are interested in helping make the rest of the season and closing weekend a success! Please come to our next meeting, 6:30 pm, July 19, at 2311 Bryan Point Road. Reach out to any of us, or to me (email russelhc@yahoo.com or text 240-383-9708), to reserve a spot..

The Pool's IG @themoyaonepool is up. Thanks to Will for setting it up.

STARRY NIGHT by the Moyaone Pool

Enjoy a beautiful evening under the stars by the Moyaone Pool with delicious food and cocktails. Celebrate summer and visit with friends and neighbors. Moyaone Commons, 2311 Bryan Point Road.

Saturday, August 6, 7–10 pm*

\$40 at the door. \$35 if pre-registered by August 3

Pre-register via Eventbrite by clicking the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/377527223087>

or tinyurl.com/MRSN2022

All proceeds will be used for improvements to the Moyaone Community Center

*Rain date Sunday, August 7. Must be 21 to attend.

POOL HOURS

Camp Accokeek swims at the pool from 1–3 pm weekdays.

Saturday / Sunday

9:30–11 am Early morning swim
11 am–8 pm Recreational swim (1 lap lane)
(½ hour cleanup after closing)

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

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

Tuesday / Thursday

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



Alice Ferguson Foundation: SSL Hours, Amphitheater Reopening, and More

Want to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for school or just looking for some fun volunteer opportunities? Look no further! We are happy to announce our new Volunteer page that features some great opportunities to get your hands dirty at AFF. From helping at the Children's Garden, to letter stuffing, and tea inside our Farmhouse, we have an opportunity to suit your interests! Learn about our volunteer opportunities on [our website](#), and be sure to check back as more ways to help will be posted as they come up. Open to ages 15+.



The Grand Reopening of the Hard Bargain Amphitheater is fast approaching. Join us July 23 at 7:30 pm for a Concert in the Woods from Lynn Hollyfield and Friends (see page 5)! Chat with neighbors as we celebrate the return of the Amphitheater—a place where our community can come together for a good time. Tickets are \$15/Adult, \$10/Child under 12, pay at the door. Interested in helping out? Contact Kay Powell at kaypowell@verizon.net.

Join us in the Farmhouse gardens on Saturday, September 10 from 1–3 pm to celebrate YOU as we near the end of summer. We could not continue our mission of expanding environmental education outreach without our donors, members, and volunteers. Please join us and enjoy the beautiful view, catch up with neighbors, learn about recycling in our one-of-a-kind cornhole, and enjoy an ice cream bar. Register the family in advance [here](#).

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



(left to right) Violinist, Dr. Teri Lazar, director of Prelude Strings; flutist, Dr. Krisztina Noble, director of Encore Strings; double bassist, William Hones, guest artist; violist, Dr. Osman Kivrak, director of CCYO, and clarinetist Takako Mato, director of Encore Band, performing at the one of last year's Secret Garden concerts. Photo credit: Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

Charles County Youth Orchestra Announces July Secret Garden Concerts

Chamber music performances featuring the Directors of the CCYO and CCYO Chamber Music Festival participants will be held July 16, 23, and 30 at 8:00 pm at Christ Church in La Plata. The free outdoor events will be held in the beautiful Meditation Garden of the church, located at 112 Charles Street, across from the courthouse. In case of rain the concerts will be held in the church.

The concerts will include performances by student ensembles who are participants at this year's CCYO Chamber Music Festival as well as the directors of CCYO and guest artists. Works by great composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, J.S. Bach, Bartok, and Handel are among the beautiful pieces to be performed.

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

Auditions for CCYO's 2022–2023 season will be held in September. Information can be found at: <https://www.charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/auditions>

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.

Concert to Mark Grand Reopening of the Ferguson Amphitheater

Mark your Calendars for July 23, Saturday evening, 7:30–9:30 pm for the Grand Reopening of the Ferguson Amphitheater with the first Concerts in the Woods*, since 2019! Performers will be Lynn Hollyfield with Steve Wolf, Good Gravy, Mina Karima, and Levi Shotwell.

Admission: \$15, Kids 12 and under \$10. Come join us and hear music under a beautiful canopy of trees — our own little “Wolf Trap” in the woods with performances by these artists! Rain or Shine* Advance Ticket Sales available at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/380248251757>

Levi Shotwell — Local, aspiring, prolific teen guitar player and singer packs a powerful performance and will set the stage for a great evening of music.

Mina Karimi is a multi-media artist: a dabbler in all, master of none, maker of images, songs, stories, gatherings, and spaces. Born in Iran, raised in Alexandria, studied at UVA and Parsons, but gained more knowledge from galloping about the globe. Mina is still learning, still Dreaming with a capital D, and endlessly curious. Mina, currently recovering from a decade of intense capitalism, finds great joy and healing in sharing music.

Good Gravy — Chris, Bonnie and Jake Aills, Logan Kistler and Ralph Parkinson — Dueling guitars, banjo, harmonica, mandolin, and harmonies that span Americana, bluegrass, honkitonk, and blues. Good Gravy are longtime friends and family who are steeped in a diverse blend of musical influences from South of the Carolinas, Mountains of WV, Kentucky, and the DMV. Through their travels and experiences, Good Gravy creates an innovative recipe from the heart and home place, with a generous scoop of fun.

Lynn Hollyfield with Steve Wolf — Lynn Hollyfield, singer-songwriter continues on her journey of capturing our world and the connections we share with a gentle sensitivity and powerful presentation. Her music has a ‘feel good, timeless vibe,’ and an eclectic feel as she writes in various genres of contemporary folk, blues and jazz. “Your music is the golden thread — your voice sews your audience to you.” (*Diane Parks, poet*). Steve Wolf, bass player extraordinaire and amphitheater favorite, will join Lynn on her set.

***Rain or Shine:** In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Moyaone Association Community Building, 2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek (2 minutes from the amphitheater).

Alice Ferguson Foundation
CONCERTS IN THE WOODS
featuring
LYNN HOLLYFIELD
w/ Steve Wolf, Good Gravy,
Mina Karima & Special Guest Levi Shotwell

GRAND REOPENING!

SATURDAY, JULY 23 @ 7:30PM
ADULTS \$15 / KIDS UNDER 12 \$10
2001 BRYAN POINT RD, ACCOKEEK
RAIN LOCATION: 2311 Bryan Point Road

SWEET VIBES
GOOD GRAVY
TASTY TUNES

Blues
Bluegrass
Honkitonk
Rockabilly

