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## ***President's Note: Moving Forward***

— *Michael Leventhal*  
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The Moyaone Association is proud to have been asked and to have agreed to be part of the coalition that Mount Vernon created in its opposition to the proposed Charles Station Compressor Station project. This move by Mount Vernon has as its goal the abandonment of the Barrys Hill site by Dominion for its proposed compressor station. Mount Vernon is asking Dominion to choose another site for this project. It seems that the Mount Vernon effort has gained traction, for an announcement has been made by both sides that discussions are taking place on Mount Vernon's request.

The Moyaone has asked Mount Vernon staff that while these discussions with Dominion are being carried out, that they request, as a matter of good faith, that Dominion either withdraw their permits applications from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) or at a minimum ask that their permit applications be suspended from any actions.

It is hoped that the current discussions between Dominion and Mount Vernon will result in an announcement in the upcoming weeks. Until then, we continue to apply what pressure we can with MDE and our elected officials. For more on these activities, please read the article by Karen Hoagberg at right.

## **Task Force Continues the Fight Against Charles Station**

The Moyaone Task Force to Stop Charles Station continues its work opposing Dominion Energy Cove Point LNG, LP's construction of Charles Station, the proposed natural gas pipeline compressor plant, which would be sited on Barrys Hill Road in Bryans Road, next to Piscataway Park.

A tremendous amount of work and effort was put forth in June. We continue to meet weekly, as our Lobbying, Public Relations, and Community Outreach & External Liaison working groups keep up the pressure on Dominion. Face-to-face meetings with Congressman Hoyer and Senator Van Hollen have been scheduled. Email from StopDominion@gmail.com is going out. Petitions have been signed. Community meetings are being organized. Liaison with partner organizations is ongoing. In addition to [www.moyaone.org/dominion](http://www.moyaone.org/dominion), a new external website is being created, [www.stop-dominion.com](http://www.stop-dominion.com).

A high point was on June 11 when the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) held a public hearing at the Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Station for the permit to "dewater" the proposed Charles Station site. Our community turnout was fantastic. With so many questions and comments, the hearing time needed to be extended. At the conclusion came the announcement that the comment period for this permit application would be continued until August 10. It is of utmost importance that we all submit comments on this permit application before this deadline. Email your comments to John Grace at [john.grace@maryland.gov](mailto:john.grace@maryland.gov). More information, along with a list of talking points for comments, can be found on our website (<https://www.moyaone.org/dominion-whatyoucando>).

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# Task Force

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On June 26 a press conference was held across the Potomac River at Mount Vernon in concert with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's announcement that both Mount Vernon and Piscataway Park had been placed on their 2018 list of America's Most Endangered Historic Places. In the words of the National Trust, "Dominion Energy has proposed constructing a gas compressor station directly adjacent to Piscataway National Park. This project has the potential to negatively impact the historic view from Mount Vernon and the natural beauty of Piscataway National Park." Sarah Miller Coulson, Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, and Doug Bradburn, Mount Vernon President and CEO, made inspiring speeches, which quickly resounded across the county. Within days Dominion Energy indicated it would look for an alternate site for the compressor station. We are tremendously grateful for the enormous quantities of time, effort and financial investment that Mount Vernon has put into getting the message out so effectively! Their important voice may help turn the tide of this effort.

Although talks between Dominion Energy and Mount Vernon may have some influence on our strategy, it does not change our immediate efforts or our goals. The fact is, Dominion has not withdrawn any of their MDE air and water permit applications. Our work must continue until those permit applications are either denied or withdrawn. We are also focusing energy on Governor Hogan and Maryland Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles. We are raising the volume on our request that independent health, safety and environmental assessments be completed before any permits for this pipeline compressor station are approved. Plans to implement these goals are being discussed. For now we all need to write Governor Hogan and Secretary Grumbles and ask for these important assessments.

## What You Can Do

Here is what you can do right now in the fight against Dominion Cove Point LNG putting a natural gas pipeline compressor station in Bryans Road, immediately adjacent to Piscataway Park. PLEASE PASS THE WORD!

**1. Write or email Governor Larry Hogan and MDE Secretary Ben Grumbles.** Ask Governor Hogan and Secretary Grumbles to have independent Health, Safety and Environmental assessments performed before any permits are issued. Let them know of your concern for your health and that of your family, along with your safety and environmental concerns. Visit our website (<https://www.moyaone.org/dominion>) and look up the health, safety and wetlands impacts for further talking points.

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**2. Write your comments opposing the dewatering permit before the August 10 deadline.** Write MDE and urge them to deny the dewatering permit (Permit to Appropriate and Use Waters of the State, CH2017G006/01) that Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP has applied for in order to build the pipeline compressor station, Charles Station. We must urge them to do a comprehensive and independent Health Impact Assessment. Take a look at the water permit talking points online (<https://www.moyaone.org/dominion-whatyoucando>); put a couple of these into your own words.

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**3. Write the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) about the General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity, also called the discharge or stormwater permit.** This permit will allow Dominion Cove Point LNG to discharge the massive amounts of water they would drain from the process of dewatering the proposed site and the surrounding wetlands. Request a public hearing on this permit given the extraordinary impacts on our wetlands, properties, and nearby surface waters. We have a very short period of time to get these requests in, so make sure to write today!

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**4. Call or email the Chesapeake Fish and Wildlife Service.** Tell them, in your own words, that the Fish and Wildlife Service must begin the "consultation" process under the Endangered Species Act, in order to determine how the Charles Station pipeline compressor station will adversely impact the recovery of the northern-long eared bat. Even though there is an Endangered Species Act "4(d)" rule for the bat that only protects maternity roost sites or hibernacula, we believe Fish and Wildlife still needs to initiate consultation in order to determine whether the 4(d) rule applies here, which means the agency needs to look for maternity roost sites and hibernacula.

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# Say No to 'Charles Station' Gas Compressor Station!

**Dominion Energy Cove Point LNG, LP** has requested state permits to build Charles Station, a gas pipeline compressor plant on Barrys Hill Rd in Bryans Road. Gas compressors routinely emit invisible toxic gases. For the safety of our families, neighbors and environment, please oppose the approval of this dangerous project.

**Emissions from this compressor station will affect the surrounding areas for miles in all directions. This is the wrong place to have routine, large quantity emissions of toxic air pollutants.**

**Now is the time to be heard!!**

**Urge Governor Hogan and Secretary Grumbles to have an INDEPENDENT health, safety, and environmental assessment completed BEFORE any permits for this gas compressor plant are approved.**

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# The Moyaone Moneybag

— Charles Gaumond



After the trial by fire during the first two months, financial activity has diminished. The largest recent expenditures involved starting up the pool and repairing the roads. The largest sources of income were from the sales of pool memberships and the house tour. There are several people paying their dues incrementally throughout the year. We appreciate all the people who are paying their dues, donating, and participating in the fundraisers. I have always had a great time at the fundraisers and didn't mind paying the entrance fee, talking with my neighbors, eating tasty food, and perhaps listening to music.

As comptroller, I usually pick up the mail from the Moyaone Association post office box. Some are invoices, or "bills" in common language and some are notices of development in various parts of Prince George's and Charles counties. These usually involve properties far from Accokeek and the Moyaone Reserve. This past month I received the bill for taxes on three properties that are in Charles County (CC) and owned by the Moyaone Reserve. Included were some notices of interest to those who live in CC:

- Hazardous waste events, free to CC residents, are on the first Saturday of each month from 9 am to 3 pm (<http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/HHW>).
- The closest Drug Take Back locations are in Waldorf: Family Meds, Inc., 12114 Old Line Center; Hanson Pharmacy 2110 Crain Highway; High Street Discount Pharmacy, Smallwood Village Center; Northgate Pharmacy, 3973 St. Charles Parkway. For more information call 301-645-0550.
- The CC Veterans Corner website is <http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/Veterans-Corner>. This is an online resource and directory of services.
- The 2019 budget of CC was passed; the largest categories of expenditures are Education at 48.5%, Sheriff's Office at 22.3%, County Government at 15.7%, and Debt Services at 7.4%.

I continue to be grateful for the continuing help from the previous comptroller, Jamie Kucab, as well as our CPA, Helen Nelson. They are helping me to learn the new vocabulary set required to use QuickBooks Online. Last week, I learned that I cannot "delete" a returned

check. Instead, I must "void" it. "Void" can easily be found by going to a specific window to display the check in a specific mode and then clicking the gray box labeled "more" and scrolling down a list of options! The famous mathematician Paul Erdos said that there really aren't so many areas of mathematics; there are only different sets of terminology for the same idea. I think that software is like that, too.

## Real Estate News

— Sheryl Romeo, Sheryl Romeo Real Estate LLC

Lots of comings and goings in the Moyaone, and I mean lots. Morgan McCleve purchased the Dale family lot on Poplar Hill Road. Bob Jagger and his wife, Julia Paajanen, bought 14911 West Auburn. Judy, Roy, and Nisha Lathrop headed west and Mina Karimi and Tim Melham are the new owners of their small farm on Old Landing Road.

Matt Bell and Karen Silhol will be calling 14607 Cactus Hill home.

And finally for the month, Pierre Paret is taking on the renovation of the original Straus home at 1611 Bryan Point Road. Jeff and Denise Yeager were the most recent owners and they hope that Pierre finds the house as magical as they did. Pierre, for his part, is the owner of ACME Mid-Century + Modern (<https://acmemidcentury.com>) in Alexandria, VA so he seems just the guy to take on the project.

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National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Together, we are making that happen.



neighbors together under positive circumstances.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and



National Night Out attracts more attendees each year, but we depend on the added support of our friends in the business community who supply us with exciting raffle giveaways, food, and monetary donations. If you are interested in being a vendor at this event or making a donation, please contact us for additional information.



**PRINCE  
GEORGE'S  
COUNTY POLICE  
DISTRICT VII**

11108 Fort Washington  
Road  
Fort Washington, MD

August 7, 2018

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Police and Citizens  
working together

Community Partnerships

True sense of  
Community

Safety demonstrations,  
youth events, giveaways  
& food

Hope to see you there!





(left) Cate Sharper demonstrates cooking over a fire at the National Colonial Farm. (above) A child assists with milking. Photos: Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park.

## Living History at the National Colonial Farm

Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. Visit [accokeekfoundation.org/](http://accokeekfoundation.org/) events or call (301) 283-2113 for more information.

**Secrets of 1770—Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am to 4 pm** (unless otherwise noted). Free. Uncover the intricacies of the domestic side of the 18th century with friends of the Bolton family. Experts from the community will demonstrate their heritage trades and skills on the National Colonial Farm.

- July 21: Meet Cate Sharper, a local woman enslaved in the late 18th century & African American Colonial Cooking, 12:30–2:30 pm.
- July 22: Meet Cate & Jack Sharper, a local woman and son enslaved in the late 18th century, 12–4 pm, & African American Colonial Cooking, 12:30–2:30 pm.
- July 28: Sheep to Shawl demo with Stitch 'n Time, 1–4 pm.
- July 29: Milking demo, 10 am–12 pm, & Cheese-making demo, 12–3 pm.
- August 4: Underspace! The Science of Soil.
- August 5: Kitchen Garden.

**Free Guided Tours. Saturdays 11 am & Sundays 2:30 pm.** Explore Piscataway Park with a knowledgeable educator. Travel back in time to take a look at the daily life on the National Colonial Farm, get to know endangered heritage breed livestock, or discover various ecosystems on a trail walk. Topics vary. Tours will begin at the Visitor Center and last 30 minutes to 1 hour. Weather dependent.



Male Box Turtle in mixed media (colored pencil, watercolor, and ink). Art by Sheila Cox.

## Benefit Concert to Stop the Compressor Station

**Thursday, July 26, 7:30 pm.** Alice Ferguson Foundation's Hard Bargain Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.

"A Musical Travelogue: from Istanbul to Accokeek," featuring Moyaone residents Teri Lazar, violin; Osman Kivrak, viola and composer; and Andrew Kivrak, viola. Pay-as-you-wish (\$25 suggested). Donations for tickets to this family-friendly event can be made in advance at [www.ampcreeks.org](http://www.ampcreeks.org).



The Alice Ferguson Foundation's fundraiser, Pinot on the Potomac, was a success. Enjoy more Pinot on the Potomac photos at: <http://bit.ly/pinotphotos>. Photos above and at right: Alice Ferguson Foundation.



"You'll learn a lot and change your opinion on bugs."

## AFF Celebrates a Perfectly Pinot Evening

More than 200 people came out (in the pouring rain!) to support our education programs at our Pinot on the Potomac fundraiser this June. It was our biggest turnout yet! Together, we raised a glass to the many education programs that happen at the Alice Ferguson Foundation to connect kids to the outdoors. Just this 2017–18 school year, 66 school groups came out to the farm, and 201 more school groups experienced our science learning programs in 21 parks across the region. That's 8,535 students served! Thank you to all our friends and neighbors. You make our work possible.

## A Day in the Life of a Hard Bargain Farm 5th Grader

— Kayla David, Alice Ferguson Foundation

For those of us to have walked the paths of Hard Bargain Farm, it is no wonder to us why Alice Ferguson first fell in love with these rolling hills, forests, meadows and wetlands. The land is so much more than dirt and rocks. Each student that comes to Alice Ferguson Foundation's Hard Bargain Farm walks in the footprints of the young adventurers who came before them. For many of those students, this trip is their very first outdoor experience — and what an experience it is! A day at Hard Bargain Farm is never the same twice, but it might look something like this:

Rising early, the students dress and make their way down a winding path towards the gleaming solar panels of the Cafritz Environmental Center where they eat breakfast, family-style. Once everyone is fed and watered, the students hit the trails that wind through the property.

Along the way, the students stop at a meadow to learn about

the migration of local wildlife, their adaptations, and the resilience of nature as they inspect a few milkweed seeds (or as we like to call them, milkweed fairies), and blow them into the wind. Their next stop is at the swamp, where they use dip nets and buckets to dig down into the leaves and muck to discover the life there. Squeals of excitement are heard when they discover a crayfish hiding in the mud.

"If we want to examine it, someone has to pick it up and put it in this bucket," explains the educator. Looks of disgust and fear cover the faces of the students. Finally, a nervous but determined little hand reaches forward and grabs the small crustacean. Joy erupts all around, and now each student is in line to prove they are just as brave.

Once the students finally reach the river, they gaze out across the water at Mt. Vernon and imagine what life would have been like before this land was developed, before pieces of plastic washed up daily onto the shoreline. In this moment, the students see with their own eyes both the rich cultural history of the area, and how their actions — at their school, in their community — might impact the world around them.

Then, out of nowhere, an osprey swoops down, catches a fish and carries it to a nearby tree to enjoy. The students gasp and exclaim in excitement. After watching the bird for a little longer, it's time to head back. As the Hard Bargain Farm educator herds the students back on the trail, the most important words of the day are spoken.

A student exclaims, "Aw, I don't want to leave."

### Alice Ferguson Foundation's Children's Art Camp, July 23–27

July 23–27, 9:30 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Ages 7–14. Cost is \$200 per participant; \$180 for Alice Ferguson Foundation members. Learn more and register: <http://bit.ly/childrenscamp>. Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road; <https://fergusonfoundation.org>