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President's Note:

Looking Ahead to Budget Meeting

Greetings Friends and Neighbors, and welcome,

November marks the seventh month since I was privileged to begin serving as your Moyaone Association President. This continues to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I can never thank enough, my fellow board members, standing committee chairs and participants, and volunteers for all their support during this first half of our tenure, and I look forward to serving you and your association for these next six months.

We are preparing for our Moyaone Association Budget Meeting on **Sat., Dec. 10 at 3 pm**, and our members should know that we take our responsibility very seriously as stewards of the revenue you provide to support operations in the Reserve. Our goal is to finish out the year with a nominal surplus. This provides a margin with which to respond to contingencies. Needless to say, inflation has taken its toll on every aspect of our operation, most notably in the cost of keeping our road network intact. Going forward we will factor in extra costs from inflation. Not sure how it will shake out once we consolidate our estimates, but I cannot dismiss the possibility of a small fee increase in order to maintain balance in the budget. The intent would be to make it small now and avoid accumulating deficits requiring much larger fee increases in the future. I believe it is prudent to plan that inflation will continue to impact us for at least another 2–3 years. If an increase is proposed, we will provide all the detail which supports this recommendation.

We are closing in on Election Day. I hope every eligible voter takes, or has taken, the opportunity to vote in this election. It may seem that your candidates are either so far ahead or behind their respective opponents and that your individual votes are not needed but don't be complacent. Please take

your citizen responsibilities seriously and participate in the electoral process. That is all for this month. Thank you for all you do for our community and for preserving our Reserve.

Respectfully yours,

— John Rudzis
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Moyaone Association Budget Meeting

Saturday, December 10 at 3 pm

Wagner Community Center
2311 Bryan Point Road

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Sad News

from the Moyaone Reserve's Apple Valley Neighborhood

Deaths of three long-time Moyaone neighbors occurred over the last several months.

Seth "Keith" Meads, a North Carolina native, had lived with his wife Edna (who predeceased him in 2011) in their home at the apex of the Apple Valley Road's "valley" since 1969. Mr. Meads died from complications of Covid on June 26, 2022 at the age of 93. He is survived by his daughter Lesley M. McKinley. Both Edna and Keith Meads were active parishioners of Faith United Methodist Church in Accokeek.

Two other Moyaone residents, Patricia ("Pat") and William ("Bill") Stagg have also died — Bill of a heart condition on August 20, 2022 and Pat of cancer a few weeks later. They resided in their Sanford Lane home for 45 years. Bill, a native of Maracaibo, Venezuela, was a retired captain of the Prince George's County Police Department. He and Pat were married for 50 years, and they are survived by their daughter Lauren, her husband Jay, and their two children, all of Joplin, Missouri.

Sharing these important losses, even though the information is late and incomplete, seems important as we begin to understand the heightened separation and isolation caused in large part by two years of pandemic.

—Judy Allen-Leventhal



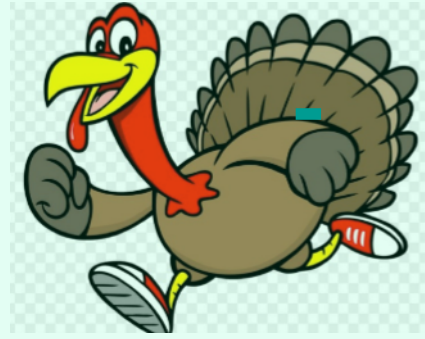
State Tree Nursery Taking Spring Orders

The John S. Alton State Forest Tree Nursery in Preston, MD is now open and taking orders for the Spring 2023 planting season. Visit the website to view products, including Maryland native species:

<https://nursery.dnr.maryland.gov/Default.asp>

For complete information, restrictions, and disclaimers, scroll down to the bottom of the web page. To order, choose from "Conifers," "Deciduous Trees," or "Deciduous Shrubs." Click on the species name to add to your shopping bag.

Orders will ship in March or April, depending on your shipping address, or you have the option of picking up at the nursery.



10th Annual

Moyaone Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot

November 24, 2022
8:30 am

Meet at the Moyaone Commons
2311 Bryan Point Road

Walk or run with your family, neighbors,
friends, guests, dogs

Join us for a cup of apple cider before heading home.

If raining, Trot will not be held.



Moyaone Association Community Garden

Located on the Moyaone Association grounds, next to the Wagner Center building, is the Moyaone Community Garden. Moyaone Association members in good standing (who have paid their annual consolidated fees) can inquire about the availability of plots. To find out more about fees and garden policies, please send an email message to: moyaonegarden@gmail.com



Accokeek Artists to Hold Winter Market



Looking for unique hand-crafted gifts for the holidays? We've got an easy solution. Come to the Accokeek Artists Alliance's (AAA) Annual Winter Market at the Wagner Community Center (2311

Bryan Point Rd.) starting Fri., Dec. 2 and continuing on through the weekend.

Fri., Dec. 2, 5–8 pm, features enticing art by AAA members, a silent auction, fire pit, snacks and hot cider +.

Sat., Dec. 3, 5–8 pm, will include a reception. (This is also the date for the Accokeek Foundation's Winter's Eve, so after you've finished your shopping and mingling, you can continue on down the road to the National Colonial Farm at 3400 Bryan Point Road and warm up by their bonfire.)

Sun., Dec. 4, 12–4 pm, enjoy art for sale, silent auction, fire pit, food and drink.

(Please note that Krampuskeek has been moved to Sat., Dec. 17.)

Give yourself a gift. Sign up now to join the AAA or to renew your membership. It's easy to do. Just go to **Accokeekartistsalliance.com**. Your year of membership starts the day you join.

MOYAONE CHRISTMAS MARKET (WEIHNACHTSMARKT)



Kids just wanna learn math! And you can help. For the third year in a row, the youth of our local learning pod have been developing products, tracking costs, and learning business principles. They have prepared a lovely array of hand-crafted, natural goods suitable for holiday giving and decorating. Will they make a profit or suffer a loss? The community decides, but the students do the math.

The outdoor, cash-only market is open for one day only, rain or shine:

Friday, December 9, 2022

3 PM to 7:00 PM

Moyaone Pavilion and Grounds

To view the inventory of goods (items are being added as they are completed), visit our website:

<https://lunactias.wixsite.com/weihnachtsmarkt>



November Updates from the Accokeek Foundation

Happy Native American Heritage Month!

This is a time to honor and celebrate the histories, cultures, and achievements of Native Americans. At the heart of AF's work is a dedication to the Piscataway values of generosity, sharing, reciprocity, respect, and stewardship.

The land and waterways now known as Piscataway Park have been the ancestral homeland of the Piscataway People for more than 10,000 years. Piscataway People have remained continuously connected to this sacred landscape. As cooperative stewards of Piscataway Park, the AF acknowledges and honors with gratitude the land and waterways, and the people who have stewarded this land throughout the generations.

Native American Heritage Day Walk

Fri., Nov. 25. 12–1:30 pm

Join us in honoring Native American Heritage Day with a trail tour through the various ecosystems of the Piscataway Indigenous Cultural Landscape! Participants will be introduced to the basics of tree identification and learn about the traditional food, medicine, and materials used by Piscataway People throughout the past and present. Tickets are available at calendar.accokeek.org

Lop and Learn

Stephanie L. with the National Park Service Invasive Plant Management Team worked with the AF Natural Resources team to identify and target invasive plants in the park.



Are you interested in learning about and removing invasive plants? Contact outreach@accokeek.org for more details or join our Invasive Management Team at: volunteer.accokeek.org.



Winter's Eve

Sat., Dec. 3, 4–8 pm

Join us on Sat., Dec. 3, from 4 to 8 pm for AF's annual Winter's Eve holiday festival. We're lighting up the hay wagon, decking the stalls of the livestock barn, and building a bonfire you won't want to miss!

Come explore the historic Laurel Branch farmhouse and garden by candlelight and sing carols around the bonfire on the National Colonial Farm, spend some quality time with barnyard favorites like Sir Nigel, the Hog Island sheep, try candle-dipping, and visit the holiday shop in the Visitor Center gift shop.

The Visitor Center will be open until Dec. 18 for holiday shopping – Look for our *Recommended Gift List* coming soon! Tickets are available at: calendar.accokeek.org

Veterans Day

Celebrated Piscataway Chief Turkey Tayac (1895–1978) served in France during World War I. While serving, he



utilized his traditional knowledge to gather plants and treat fellow soldiers, some of whom were burned by mustard gas. This Veterans Day we salute Chief Turkey Tayac, for his service to this nation, and all those who have served.

Appreciation

The Accokeek Foundation is grateful for the support from the donors, organizations, and foundations which aid the Foundation in fulfilling its mission to cultivate passion for the natural and cultural heritage of Piscataway Park and commitment to stewardship and sustainability. Thank you for your dedication to serving our community.

Visitor Center Updates

The Visitor Center will be closed from Dec. 19, 2022, through Mar. 17, 2023.

Accokeek Foundation, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.org



Become a Member of the Alice Ferguson Foundation

Interested in becoming a member of the Foundation? Or need to renew your membership for 2023? Join our member community, featuring five tiers with exclusive perks and many opportunities to visit our 330-acre historic farm and environmental center. Hard Bargain Farm is the perfect place to spend quality time in the great outdoors and make unforgettable family memories that will last a lifetime. Let us be your home away from home.



Take a look at the benefits each tier offers and choose the level that is perfect for you by scanning the QR code above with your mobile phone or by visiting this link [here](#).

All current members will receive an invitation to our Annual Holiday Member Party on Fri., Dec. 9.

Many Thanks from the Alice Ferguson Foundation

We are grateful for the continued support from our wonderful neighbors in the Moyaone Community. To the families who took part in our Fun on the Farm and summer camp programs, *thank you*. To the individuals who have volunteered around the Farm and Amphitheater, *thank you*. To our friends who attended Pinot on the Potomac and End of Summer Social, *thank you*. Your generosity makes it possible to share the natural world with more than 10,000 students and teachers, support cleanups across the region, and maintain the beautiful 330-acres of our Hard Bargain Farm. From all of us at the Alice Ferguson Foundation, we appreciate you!



Celebrating Hard Bargain Farm's Centennial Milestone

This year marks the centennial milestone of Alice Ferguson's purchase of Hard Bargain Farm, situated along the Potomac River on ancestral land of the Piscataway people. Check out [our latest blog](#) about the history of its purchase and how this historic property has transformed over the last century. Enjoy!



Join us for Fun on the Farm

Limited spots remain for our upcoming Fun on the Farm fall events. Guaranteed memories and fun for the whole family! Cost: \$15/person. Kids free under the age of 2.

Session Dates & Times

- Chores & S'mores. Sat., Nov. 12, 4–6 pm
- Natural Wreath Workshop. Sat., Dec. 10, 4–6 pm

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