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## **President's Note: Budget Meeting**

Members, Friends, and Neighbors,  
Greetings and a very Happy Holidays to all,

We are closing in on the most important Moyaone Association meeting of the year. For those who are members in good standing, you will have the opportunity to provide a report card of sorts, on the job your Board has been doing for our Association. This comes in the form of providing your approval for next year's budget. Your officers and Standing Committee chairs have worked diligently through the process of developing a frugal yet realistic budget which will carry us through next year, covering our operations, providing for repairs, some capital improvement, and just enough reserve for unknown emergent needs along the way.

Many, many thanks go to our Moyaone Comptroller, Karen Bell, for her corporate knowledge and detailed assembly of all the budgetary lines which provide realistic estimates of revenue and expenses for next year. I also want to recognize the chairs and members of our standing committees for their participation in the process, and the willingness to cut 5% to 10% off their proposed budgets to meet reserve targets.

The unfortunate reality is that we will need to raise fees across the board for 2023 by 6.5% in order to finish next year with marginal budget surplus. I regret having to make this decision, especially because we are all challenged by higher costs of living. However, without the fee increase we would be operating at a deficit for the coming year with almost no ability to respond to unplanned contingencies from weather and or critical failures in our aging infrastructure and equipment, and risk larger fee increases in subsequent years. In the coming days we will email a copy of our proposed budget to the full membership. I encourage you to study it and ask questions when we meet. Thank you for your attention and consideration and I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, December 10, at 3 pm in the Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road.

*Respectfully yours,  
John Rudzis*

*President, Moyaone Association  
MoyaonePresident@gmail.com*

## **Moyaone Association Budget Meeting**

**Saturday, December 10  
3:00–4:30 pm**

Wagner Community Center  
2311 Bryan Point Road

*Registration opens at 2:30 pm.  
Please plan to arrive early so we can  
start on time.*

Members are welcome to bring a beverage  
or snack to share after the meeting.  
This meeting is an excellent time  
to get to know new neighbors  
and reacquaint with old friends.

## **Moyaone Association Board of Directors**

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## Artists' Alliance Art Show Offered Holiday Wares

At press time, the art show held by the Accokeek Artists' Alliance (AAA) was in full swing and sales were brisk. Offerings included — just to mention a few — artful whisk brooms by Cindi Rudzis (at left), paintings, greeting cards, wooden wares, ornaments, and a horse emerging from a wall (by Lona Powell). Want to be part of this enterprising and creative group, either as art lover and/or art maker? You can fill out a membership form at [www.accokeekartistsalliance.com](http://www.accokeekartistsalliance.com).



### MOYAONE CHRISTMAS MARKET (WEIHNACHTSMARKT)



COMING FRIDAY, DEC 9 TO THE MOYAONE COMMONS

This will be the third year our community youth offer their festive, hand-crafted, nature-oriented wares to the community. Their objective? Learning math skills (and having some fun).

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  
2311 Bryan Point Road

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

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

December 18, 6-9pm  
1290 Old Landing Rd

# THE MERRY MOYAONE

A musical night around the fire to share our songs, stories, good cheer, and yummy delights.

With performances by The Dirt Road Damsels and The Accokeek Caroling Cavalcade

Bring something to share with our ears and/or bellies.  
RSVP to [Minameister@gmail.com](mailto:Minameister@gmail.com)

## Happy Holidays from the Alice Ferguson Foundation

What a year! Onsite education programs and community events are back in full swing, new pavilion construction is nearly complete, and final preparations are being made for the return of overnights and expanded summer camps. We couldn't do it without YOU, our wonderful Moyaone neighbors and friends. From all of us at the Alice Ferguson Foundation, happy holidays! We hope to see you at the Farm soon.

### Become a Member of the Alice Ferguson Foundation



**2023 MEMBERSHIP**  
*Join Us!*

FIVE TIERS WITH EXCLUSIVE PERKS & NEW AFF SWAG - CHECK IT OUT!



Join our member community! With five tiers with exclusive perks, brand-new swag, and more opportunities to visit Hard Bargain Farm, there's something for everyone.

Scan the QR code above with your mobile phone or visit this link [here](#) to become a member today.

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Rd.  
[fergusonfoundation.org](http://fergusonfoundation.org)



### 10th Annual Turkey Trot

It was yet another fantastic day for the Turkey Trot! Thanks to everyone for coming out to enjoy the walk through Piscataway Park. Special thanks to Carol Cox, and Matt Schwaller, Sheryl Romeo, and their grandkids for posting/picking up signs.

## Homegrown Coffeehouse Returns on January 14 with Phil Wiggins, Memphis Gold, and Steve Wolf



The return of the The Homegrown Coffeehouse kicks off the 2023 season on Saturday, January 14 with this fantastic Blues Show — with Phil Wiggins, Memphis Gold, and Steve Wolf. Each are extraordinary in their own right. We're in for some magic!

### Phil Wiggins

Phil Wiggins recently joined the ranks of his eminent elders as a recipient of the NEA National Heritage Fellowship, which puts him in the company of some of the greatest luminaries in traditional blues and folk music. Phil is a versatile traditional harmonica player, continuing the Piedmont blues tradition, a gentle and melodic blues style of the mid-Atlantic region. His sound is not shaped by the gear, the microphone, or amplifier when performing on stage, but instead by his complex syncopated patterns, breath-control and rhythm, stylistic virtuosity and fiery solo runs. Within the past year he has performed in Sweden, Australia, and throughout the US, so it is a rare opportunity to see him in the intimate setting of the Homegrown Coffeehouse. [www.PhilWiggins.com](http://www.PhilWiggins.com)

### Memphis Gold

This special concert will also feature the music of Memphis Gold, who has graced the cover of numerous blues and music publications, and has shared this uniquely American art form with audiences around the world. In this time of musical fads and gimmicks, his music is real and heartfelt. Here's how the British publication *Blues & Rhythm* describes him: "Memphis Gold stands with one foot in the past and one foot in the present ... [he] could be one of the youngest (and one of the last) to have picked cotton on the Dockery and Stovall plantations. Appreciative of his roots, yet too young to be completely anchored in the past, his original music moves forward with funky rhythms, odd chord changes and structures, and his own idiosyncratic view of life." [www.MemphisGold.com](http://www.MemphisGold.com)

### Steve Wolf

Wiggins and Memphis Gold will be accompanied by bassist extraordinaire Steve Wolf, who has backed many of the finest R&B artists in the mid-Atlantic, plus a range of national artists such as Chuck Barry, Bo Diddly, The Marvettes and Dr. John. Steve was recently described by blues writer Tommy Lofgren in the Swedish blues magazine *Jefferson* as "Very likely the best blues bassist I have ever seen; versatile with innovative solos." He is well known in Scandinavia after many tours with Tom Principato, pianist Deanna Bogart, and others."

The concert will be 7:30–9:30 pm at the National Colonial Farm Adult Education Building, 3400 Bryan Point Road. Admission: \$20. More info: 240-305-0876.

— Lynn Hollyfield ([www.lynnhollyfield.com](http://www.lynnhollyfield.com))



## Charles County Youth Orchestra to Perform at Holiday Concert, Dec. 10

The Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO; pictured above) will perform on Saturday, December 10 at 5:00 pm at the Kris Kringle Market at the Charles County Fairgrounds, 8440 Fairgrounds Rd. in La Plata. The program will include holiday favorites as well as popular classical composers such as Handel and Pachelbel. The performance at the Kris Kringle Market will be followed by fireworks at 6 pm.

Recently, CCYO has been spotlighted in an online film by the Charles County Arts Alliance and has been featured on WTOP radio. Also, this past spring two CCYO String Quartets were finalists in the prestigious Washington Performing Arts Society Misbin Chamber Music Competition in Washington, D.C.

CCYO presents two large concerts and several smaller concerts each year, a three-week Chamber Music Festival with three additional concerts, a Concerto Competition concert as well as masterclasses and sectionals for students in all four of CCYO's ensembles.

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.

CCYO is directed by Dr. Osman Kivrak, with Encore Band, Takako Mato, Director; Encore Strings, Teri Lazar, Director; and Prelude Strings, Dennis Murphy, Director.

Mid-year auditions for all ensembles will be held Saturday, January 21 from 9 am to 1 pm at Christ Church, 112 E. Charles Street, La Plata. Information about auditions can be found at: <https://www.charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/> auditions. For more information, email: [charlescountyyouthorchestra.org](mailto:charlescountyyouthorchestra.org)

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## Choral Arts Celebrated at Davies Concert Series, December 11

The Davies Concert Series proudly presents a concert of choral works on Sunday, December 11, at 4 pm at Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7400 Temple Hill Road in Camp Springs. The program includes excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* and the world premiere of *Prayers from the Old Church* by local composer Mary Coy Whitmore, featuring the Chesapeake Choral Arts Society under the direction of Leroy Pressley.

In keeping with the Series' emphasis on accessibility, all tickets are "Pay What You Can." They can be reserved on Eventbrite in advance, or obtained onsite beginning 30 minutes prior to performance. For further information visit [www.Daviesconcertseries.com](http://www.Daviesconcertseries.com)



The National Park Service Invasive Plant Management Team is working with the Accokeek Foundation (AF) Natural Resources team to identify and target invasive plants in the park.

Please join us if you are interested in learning about and removing invasive plants. Contact [outreach@accokeek.org](mailto:outreach@accokeek.org) for more details or join our

Invasive Management Team at: [volunteer.accokeek.org](http://volunteer.accokeek.org).

*The Accokeek Foundation (Accokeek.org) is at 3400 Bryan Point Road. Note that the Visitor Center will be closed from Dec. 19, 2022, through Mar. 17, 2023.*

## Year-end Opportunities ABOUND to Support Local Organizations

For (re)connecting with our many partner organizations, please email Moyaone Association Public Affairs (PA) Chair ([KentLHibben@gmail.com](mailto:KentLHibben@gmail.com)) or stand by for his stocking-stuffer PA bulletin, with leads toward local-legacy books and links to the Accokeek Foundation, Alice Ferguson Foundation, AMPS Creek Council, Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department, Bryans Road Volunteer Fire Department, Conservancy for Charles County, Friends of the Accokeek Library, Greater Accokeek Civic Association, Indian Head Highway Area Action Council, Mattawoman Watershed Society, and the Mount Vernon Ladies Association.

Reaching out to our Moyaone Association partners through donations and memberships strengthens their hands to assist us in turn.

Books on our local history include: *The Moyaone Reserve*, *The Possible Dream*, *Adventures in Southern Maryland*, *Hard Bargain Adventures*, and *After Alice*. Please contact Kent for purchase information.