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President's Note:

Potholes, Dues, and Names

Neighbors and Friends,

Greetings. "Seventy-nine degrees on Thursday followed by snow on Saturday." You were not alone if you were skeptical of this recent weather forecast. I was sure it would be one or the other, but not both. As it turned out we did enjoy a nice Thursday respite from winter's chill followed by snow sightings just couple of days later. As we move into March it appears we'll see a more normal weather pattern for this time of the year. That said, I'm not a professional weather guesser, and anything could happen. The preponderance of potholes on our Moyaone Reserve roads has not gone unnoticed. Hopefully by the time you read this letter we will have been able to unleash the grader. This recent rain cycle has kept our roadbeds very damp and we'll want a dryer surface that will permit for filling in potholes and sculpting the proper crown.

Now that I have your attention, I have two very important items to pass on to you this month;

1. If you have not already done so, please send in your annual Moyaone Association Consolidated Fees: \$820 for improved properties and \$160 for unimproved lots. For those who have sent in the \$770 or \$150 for 2023, please send payment for the difference in order to be reinstated as a member in good standing with our Moyaone Association. These new annual fees were accepted by unanimous membership vote at our December 10, 2022, annual budget meeting. Your payments may be sent via check to our PO Box 113, by Venmo, or via ACH, as prescribed on our dues notices. My apologies that our Annual Consolidated Fee notices for this year went out late, and please reach out to MoyaoneComptroller@gmail.com if you haven't received them via email.

2. This next subject involves the title of our newsletter. I respect the legacy of this longtime periodical, which continues to provide much useful information and is an integral part of our community. However, the time has arrived where we should retire the current title of this newsletter. We enjoy the rich history of this special place, which remains

largely intact from before the arrival of the English explorer, Captain John Smith, in 1608. I've learned that "Moyaon" was the site of the "Capital City" of Piscataway, an extensive state-sized area encompassing most of what is now Maryland, parts of Delaware, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Moyaon provided everything to sustain generations of Piscataway who thrived on this site for thousands of years. You should know that many Piscataway people live in the local community and frequently visit this area to honor their ancestors, legacy, and culture. I hope you'll agree that using this caricature title, "Smoke Signals," for our newsletter is disrespectful to our neighbors, while we live here on their ancestral lands. It is viewed as an insult, or at least insensitive and tone deaf, that we continue to use this title. Per our bylaws the Moyaone Association Membership will have the opportunity to vote, retire this title, and nominate a new moniker for our famous newsletter, at our May 2023 Membership Meeting. Our Association Board of Directors and I agree that it is time for action to implement this simple, no-cost change. We are receptive to any and all suggestions for a new title.

Thank you for your attention; please reach out with your comments and thank you for preserving the Moyaone Reserve.

Respectfully,
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Nominations Sought for Moyaone Association Leadership

The Moyaone Association Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for the 2023–24 Board of Directors and Financial Trustees by April 1 for the following positions:



- **Vice President** (1-year term)
- **Comptroller** (2-year term) — Those interested in this position should have an understanding of basic accounting, budget preparation, and Excel.
- **At-Large** (1-year term)
- **Financial Trustee** (3-year term)

John Rudzis wishes to serve a 2nd term as Moyaone President. This is a 1-year term; the Nominating Committee is happy to accept nominations from interested parties, and if necessary a slate will be put to a vote at the May Membership Meeting. General descriptions and responsibilities can be found under the Association Bylaws, Articles V & VI: <https://www.moyaone.org/association/bylaws>. Voting will be at the May Membership Meeting. The slate of candidates will be included with the formal May membership meeting announcement.

In order to serve on the Board or as a Financial Trustee, you must be a full member in good standing of the Moyaone Association (dues paid or ACH commitment) and have lived in the community for at least two years.

Are you interested in serving? Do you have questions? Please let the Nominating Committee know your intentions by April 1 (no joke).

- Rose Kim — Accokeek.Kim@gmail.com
- Michael Leventhal — All.Leventhal@verion.net
- Nan Fremont — NFremont@gmail.com



ANNUAL MOYAONE CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday March 25 at 4 pm (March 26 Rain Date)
Moyaone Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road

Join us for the wonderful variety of homemade chili as well as Moyaone Mashers' beer. Enter your best chili recipe and win prizes and bragging rights. We welcome all chefs. To enter, click the Eventbrite link below, select "Get Tickets," and choose either "Chili Chef - Plant Based Option" or "Chili Chef - Meat Option." Admission fee is waived for all chefs.

<https://tinyurl.com/chilichallenge2023>

All entries must be received by March 20.

For those who just want to come and eat, drink, and socialize, the admission is \$25 per adult and \$10 for children 16 and under. This is an inclusive fee and includes all the chili, beer, salad, and cornbread you can consume. Buy tickets by clicking the Eventbrite link above.

This is the perfect time to welcome spring and catch up with neighbors. All proceeds from this event will support improvements to the Moyaone Community Center.

Local Organization GACA Works on Our Behalf

Dear Neighbors,

Along with all the other resources that folks' consolidated fees advance, the Moyaone Association's decades-long partnerships include our mutually beneficial membership engagement with the Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA). As an example of its value, here are highlights from recent meetings:

Minutes for General Membership Meeting, November 30, 2022

... [The Prince George's County Officer whose area of focus includes Accokeek] Steven Rannacher urged residents to be cautious about potential "jump-ins" – vehicles left running that are stolen.

... GACA [and other civic partners such as Indian Head Highway Area Action Council (IHHAAC)] offers further concerted actions toward reducing speeding on Rte. 210...

Roadway Advisory Committee–South County (RACS) team report: focused on several issues, notably the need for a sidewalk along Livingston Rd. (Rte. 373) from roughly 15600 to 16400 Livingston Rd. Many crucial organizations (library, fire hall, several churches, et al.) are along this road and pedestrian traffic is considerable. Both state and county jurisdictions are involved and RACS has asked what we can do to support improvements.

RACS has submitted service requests through MDOT's "Know Your Roads" program and the county's "Click 311" program and urges residents to use these tools to report roadside problems (needed road repairs, abandoned vehicles, long-term parking violations, downed light poles, trash, etc.). RACS has found that these submissions have proved successful in getting responsive action. One example has been the improved lighting along Bealle Hill Rd. near Rte. 228.

Accokeek Heritage Tourism Study (AHTS): interaction with WSSC Officials Regarding Piscataway Bioenergy Project at Farmington Road and Rte. 210

At GACA's request, the Water Team from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission attended the meeting and discussed the Bioenergy Project. The officials included:

- Stephen Billingsley, Customer Advocate, Customer Engagement and Advocacy Division, 240-444-5803, stephen.billingsley@wsscwater.com
- Thomas F. Johnson II, Project Outreach Manager, Customer Engagement and Advocacy Division, 301-206-8542, thomas.johnson@wsscwater.com

More Information:

- WSSC Bioenergy Project: <https://www.wsscwater.com/Bioenergy>
- WSSC Construction in Your Neighborhood:
- PFAS: <https://www.wsscwater.com/pfas>

Next meeting dates include April 26, 2023 (Annual Meeting). Meetings start at 7:30 pm.

Membership Dues: Individual \$15; Family \$25; and Corporate \$25. Please send checks payable to GACA, PO Box 176, Accokeek, MD 20607.

As you see the below GACA leaders in your Accokeek travels, please join in with a nod of thanks for their volunteered time and effort for a better Accokeek. ... And consider joining!

President: Dan Donohue

Vice President: Stevenson McIlvaine

Treasurer: Roger Midgette

Secretary: Neil Tillman

Members At Large: Trey Thomas, Judy Allen-Leventhal, Frank Kahan, Gaye Walker, Lee Puterbaugh.

At your service,

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Spring Concerts and Book Signing

Upcoming Shows

NEW DEAL CAFE, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

• *Tues., March 7.* Songwriter's Association of Washington Open Mic. 7–9 pm. Sign-ups 6:30 pm for 10 minutes/ 2 songs. Feature performs 8–8:30 pm. Suggested donation: \$20 for featured artist. Lynn Hollyfield hosts and welcomes featured artist: Jade Brooks-Bartlett

• *Sat., March 11.* Kim's Grand Rounds (Kim Eaton, Annette Wasilik, Michelle Swan, Lynn Hollyfield). 1–4 pm. Suggested donation: \$20 for featured artist.

MATTAWOMAN CREEK ARTS CENTER, Smallwood State Park 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD

• *Sun., March 26.* Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) Art Show. Mini-Concert & Book Signing, 2:30–4 pm, Concert 2:30. Come and surround yourself with the beautiful creations from the artists who make up the AAA: Paintings, sculptures, ceramics, pottery, jewelry, and music (see more information on page 5). The art show is 11 am–4 pm. Lynn Hollyfield will perform 2:30–3:30 pm. Book signing for *The Tree, The Ship & Me*, a Song Story. Music by Lynn Hollyfield and illustrated by Lona Powell. Book design by friend and artist Patrise Henkel. Listen to the song and read along to this whimsical tale that takes you from the tree, to the ship, to sailing the seven seas.

George Washington Patriot Run, Sept. 10

Register by March 31 to Save Up to \$20

Join us on September 10 for our 8th annual race on the George Washington Memorial Parkway! Choose from our 5K race or 10-mile course. You'll cross the finish line in front of George Washington's Mansion. Participants receive a t-shirt and finisher medal.

This is a live, in-person event. A virtual run option is also available if you prefer to run at your own pace and schedule.

Register early for the biggest savings!

For more information:

https://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/george-washington-patriot-run/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Patriot+Run%3A+Registration+Now+Open&utm_campaign=mkgtg_gwrun3_1_23

The George Washington Patriot Run is presented by Lockheed Martin.



Homegrown Coffeehouse: Mark Your Calendar!

Sat., April 1 — Tom Prasada-Rao

Fri., April 28 — The Blue Rhythm Boys

The Homegrown Coffeehouse is an all-volunteer-run venue presenting the best of local and touring artists.

Admission: \$25. Doors open 6 pm. Lite Supper available: 6–7:30 pm (homemade soups, breads, cheese, dessert, tea and coffee). Opener 7–7:30 pm. Main act follows.

National Colonial Farm, Adult Education Building, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. For more information, please call 240-305-0876.



Daylight saving time starts at 2 am on Sunday, March 12. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead by an hour before heading to bed on Saturday evening.



Spring Art Exhibit and Sale at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center

March 17–April 16

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am–4 pm

Mattawoman Creek Art Center, Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD (mattawomanart.org; accokeekartistsalliance.com)



Not to be missed! The artists of the Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) have filled the spacious galleries at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center with their eye-popping artwork. You'll see art by Lona Powell, Anne Stokes, Laura

Ellen, Frances Taylor, Katrina Mullins, Jan Goldstein, Doug Ciskowski, Jeanie Ciskowski, Daniel Wise, John Massey, Cindi Rudzis, Nancy Weiman, Quick Carlson, Innes Borstel, Mellisa Stamper, Janice Buelow, and Lynn Hollyfield. The show opens on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, with a celebratory reception the following Sunday, March 19, 1–4 pm.

As an added bonus, two of the AAA's well-known artists have collaborated to produce a "song story." That would be none other than Lynn Hollyfield, our premier songster and songwriter, and Lona Powell, book illustrator/artist extraordinaire. Come Sunday, March 26, 2:30–3:30 pm to Mattawoman Creek Art Center for a concert by Lynn and book signing by Lynn and Lona.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Park fee waived for Art Center visitors.

Lynn Hollyfield
Concert and Book Signing
In conjunction with the Accokeek Artists Alliance Art Show at Mattawoman Creek Art Center March 17 – April 16th, Smallwood State Park, Marbury, MD

Sunday, March 26,
2:30-3:30



Celebrate Earth Day (April 22) at the Wagner Center with Author Nava Atlas

Looking for simple everyday ways to lighten your footprint on the planet? A great way to start is to work more plant-based food into your diet!

But ... where to begin? What are some easy hacks for moving in this direction — and reap health benefits along the way?

In honor of Earth Day, a Moyaone Reserve group for plant-based cooking is sponsoring well-known author Nava Atlas for a brief talk, cooking demonstration, and Q&A session at the Wagner Center (2311 Bryan Point Rd.) on Earth Day, Saturday April 22. In addition to a chat about how the cuisine and culture have changed — from the availability of ingredients that go into delicious dishes to how plant-based diets are kinder to the planet — Ms. Atlas will demo how to magically turn kale into a completely addictive delicacy — which everyone in attendance will be invited to sample.

RSVP by April 18 for this event by emailing Jan Goldstein: jgoldfish7@gmail.com.

About Nava

When her first cookbook, *Vegetariana: A Rich Harvest of Wit, Lore, & Recipes*, came out in 1984, she was one of the first vegetarian cookbook authors in mainstream publishing. It was a time when merely being a vegetarian made you a weirdo! How times have changed.

Since 1984, Nava Atlas has written (and often illustrated) many vegetarian and vegan cookbooks, including *American Harvest*, *Plant-Powered Protein*, *5-Ingredient Vegan*, *Wild About Greens*, *Vegan Holiday Kitchen*, and *Vegan Soups and Hearty Stews for All Seasons*.

Nava also creates trade and limited-edition visual books on women's issues, including *The Literary Ladies Guide to the Writing Life* and *Secret Recipes for the Modern Wife*. Her work is collected and exhibited in museums, libraries, and universities around the country. Visit her websites, The Vegan Atlas (<https://theveganatlas.com>) and Literary Ladies Guide (<https://www.literaryladiesguide.com>). Nava lives in the Hudson Valley region of New York State.

Pulse of the Pool

We are gearing up for another pool season. The pool is slated to open Memorial Day weekend. To be clear, the Moyaone Pool is a community pool, and thus, it is only with the helping hands within this community that we can prepare and open the pool for another summer.



New Moyaone Pool Manager Search

We learned recently that our 2022 pool manager will be unable to return. Therefore, we are seeking to hire a qualified pool manager to start before the end of March. The job description is posted on Indeed.com (search "Moyaone Pool Manager"). Pay starts at \$20/hour, commensurate with experience. Interested parties can email their resumes to moyaonepool@gmail.com before March 15, or until the position is filled. Please spread the word.

Volunteers Needed for Pool Preparation

Work Day on Sat., April 8 (rain date April 15)

Volunteers are needed to assist with removing the pool cover, laying it out to dry in the field, and several tears need to be patched. Alex Naar and Russ Strathern are leading the effort to complete some additional pre-opening-day tasks. The work party to remove the pool cover is Saturday, April 8 starting at 10 am (rain date is April 15). Please email or text me, Hsin-I Russell, at russelhc@yahoo.com or 240-383-9708, if you can lend a hand. *Note:* If we don't have sufficient headcount to remove the pool cover, we will have to reschedule, which may impact the opening day timeline.

*Accokeek Learning Pod
Math Club presents a*

MOSAIC ART GALA

Save the Date! **Friday, May 5, 2023**
5 PM to 8 PM

Moyaone Community Center
2311 Bryan Point Rd.
Accokeek, MD 20607

Meet the artists and enjoy the colorful mosaic art projects they've created, including a collaborative display. Light refreshments will be provided.





Alice Ferguson Foundation’s 35th Annual Cleanup at Piscataway Park, April 15

For 35 years, the Alice Ferguson Foundation has led a shoreline cleanup at Piscataway Park. Volunteer with us on Saturday, April 15 to pick up trash around the shoreline and boardwalk areas. The cleanup will begin at 9 am. [Let us know you'll be joining us and complete our waivers here.](#)

The cleanup site address is 2687 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek: *Park here and walk across the boardwalk to find us!*



Earth Day Tours with Theresa — April 21 at 1 pm & 4 pm

Celebrate Earth Day by joining AFF's Executive Director, Theresa Cullen, for a tour of our Living Building and learn about our Living Shoreline. Join us to learn more about one of the world's greenest buildings, the 13th project in the world to achieve full Living Building Certification. The building features net zero energy, water, and non-toxic building components as well as composting toilets and green retaining walls.

You will also learn about the extraordinary work we undertook to stabilize the rapidly eroding Potomac River with an innovative “Living Shoreline.”

In keeping with the Foundation’s mission, these structures work in harmony with nature and are used to educate and inspire a green generation.

Tickets: \$5/person. [Save your spot here.](#)

We Need YOU!

The Alice Ferguson Foundation needs volunteers to lend a hand at upcoming events and around the property. There are a variety of opportunities for all ages and interests. We look forward to working with you!

[Check out our volunteer opportunities and sign up here.](#)



Spring Events at Hard Bargain Farm

Scan the QR Code above or visit the website (fergusonfoundation.org/events) to learn more and purchase tickets.

- March 25: Bees for Beginners
- April 1: Legen-dairy Discoveries
- April 15: AFF Cleanup at Piscataway Park
- April 21: Tours with Theresa
- May 13: Spring Fest
- June 10: Piscataway Kayaking Adventure
- June 10: “Egg”-citement!
- July 2023: Summer Adventure Camp

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road
fergusonfoundation.org

Piscataway Park’s Not-So-New EDRR Species

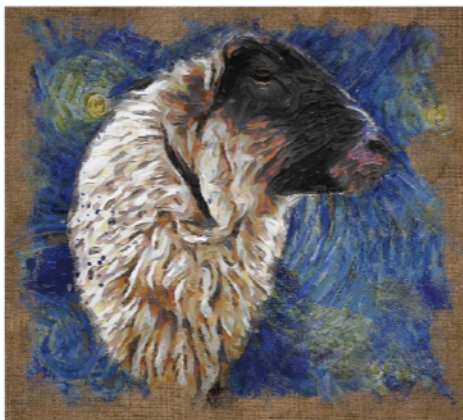
During the winter while these plants are dormant, Accokeek’s Natural Resources team has been inventorying and mapping them for future removal or treatment during this year’s upcoming active management season. **AF would love to have our neighbors involved in this effort, and some of you already are!** We have management sessions every Friday from 9:30am – 11:30am. To sign up, visit bit.ly/InvasiveManagementAF.



For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the AF Natural Resources team at rharley@accokeek.org.

Lattes with Lambs

Frolic down to AF on April 15 for our annual Lattes with Lambs barnyard festival. Meet all of your favorite farm animals, learn about heritage breeds, sip on a delicious latte, and explore a special gallery of artwork inspired by the beauty of Piscataway Park (and curated by Sir Nigel himself). Tickets are on sale now at bit.ly/latteswithlambs.



Nigel is searching for talented artists to feature! AF is seeking Piscataway Park and Heritage Breed inspired art submissions to be displayed during this year's event. Submit your information at bit.ly/AF-artist-showcase.

This artist showcase will be a celebration of the park and the animals through the arts, and submissions will be part of this special one-day juried exhibition. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Casey Harlow at charlow@accokeek.org or MaryAlice Bonomo at mbonomo@accokeek.org.

Lattes with Lambs will be April 15, 11 am – 3 pm. \$15 per person over 10 years old, \$5 per person under 10.

Spring Animal Tracking

Spring has arrived and the fauna of Piscataway Park is beginning to reappear! View the pelts, scat, and tracks of different animals found in the region. Identify local wildlife, then head out on the trail to find signs and clues in the natural environment.

Saturday, March 18, 10am – 11:30am. This program is open to all ages, \$12 per person.

Backyard Poultry Workshop

Looking to have a backyard flock of your own but don't know where to start? Join us for a two-day workshop covering everything a fledgling poultry farmer will need to hit the ground running this season, and tips and tricks to avoid "cluck ups."

Saturday, March 25, and Sunday, March 26, 12pm – 3pm both days. \$30 per person.



BACKYARD POULTRY BASICS
2 DAY WORKSHOP

- TIPS & TRICKS
- SUPPLIES
- CARE & FEEDING
- BREED SELECTION
- EGG PROCESSING

March 25 & 26
12pm-3pm both days
3400 Bryan Point RD, Accokeek, MD

Visitor Center Updates

The Visitor Center is reopening on March 18! Join us to celebrate the spring season and check out our new inventory – including fresh bait for our angler friends! *The Visitor Center will be open Tuesdays – Sundays, 10am – 4pm.*

The Accokeek Foundation is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road. Visit us online at Accokeek.org.