

Smoke Signals



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President's Note:

Greetings, Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you to those of you who responded to my letter from our March edition of *Smoke Signals* regarding the title of our newsletter. Your thoughtful feedback on both sides of the issue is important to hear. I believe we have an excellent opportunity to select a title for our newsletter, which can embody the unique history, culture, and character of the Moyaone Reserve. However, new ideas can be difficult and I hope you are receptive to this change as a positive step in our awareness and respect for all the neighbors and stakeholders of the Moyaone Reserve. I am not suggesting this in a vacuum, nor speaking on behalf of any group. I have sought counsel and context from the members of our Board as well as Piscataway neighbors and partner organizations such as the Accokeek Foundation; all who strongly support our community in making a change. This is an easy, zero-cost step that we can take to be good neighbors. I encourage you to seek out and speak to our Piscataway neighbors about their opinions regarding "Smoke Signals" and "Moyaone." Even if not intended in this context, "Smoke Signals" is among a long list of caricature terms and images associated with Native Americans, which fail to respect the rich Native American culture of this area. On the other hand, "Moyaone" has deep meaning and history for our neighbors, and we are privileged to use this title for our community. Going forward the Association Membership will have the opportunity to comment and vote on this change at our May Association Meeting. Included with our meeting notice will be a motion which would amend our by-laws and allow for us to select a new title for the newsletter, if supported by the membership. As always, the newsletter will continue to be a valued resource for our community.

During our May meeting, we will also present our new slate of officers for our Board of Directors (*see the report from the Nominating Committee on page 2*). I cannot thank enough, our Nominating Committee: Rose Kim, Nan Fremont, and Michael Leventhal, for their diligent efforts in vetting and recommending our new Board members. I hope you will vote in the affirmative for our new officers. As a reminder, full

members must have their Association fees paid for 2023 to vote at the May meeting. We are still awaiting some folks to fully pay their fees this year, including those of you who paid at last year's rate. If you have not paid the \$820.00 full membership fees, you are not current as a member in good standing for the vote. *Please*, for all property owners, pay your annual fees.

We recently enjoyed our tremendous annual Chili Challenge on March 25. This event becomes better every year. Many, many thanks to Marylee Phelps and the Fundraising Committee, all the volunteer chili chefs, beer "mashers," musicians, and the setup and cleanup crews who produced another successful Chili Challenge event. Almost \$1400.00 was raised for our community. We were also privileged to enjoy listening to live music via the new portable sound system, shared by our neighbors at the Alice Ferguson Foundation, and which was recently purchased through a gracious donation by Paul and Barbara Livingston of Poplar Hill.

Thanks again to all for your tremendous continuing support for our community and your efforts to preserve the Reserve.

Respectfully yours,

John Rudzis

President, Moyaone Association

MoyaonePresident@gmail.com

**The May membership meeting of the
Moyaone Association will be held on
Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 3 pm.**

*Wagner Community Center,
2311 Bryan Point Road*

Moyaone Association Nominating Committee Announces Proposed Slate

The 2023 Nominating Committee — composed of Rose Kim, Nan Fremont and Michael Leventhal — offers the following slate of candidates for the 2023–24 Moyaone Board of Directors and Financial Trustees. The slate is presented and voted on at the May 6 Membership Meeting, held at the Wagner Community Center at 3 pm (2311 Bryan Point Road). As per the Moyaone Association By-laws, nominations are also accepted from the floor at the meeting.

- President **John Rudzis** 1-year term
- Vice President **Chris Aills** 1-year term
- Comptroller **Linda Witkin** 2-year term
- At-Large **Cory Sanna** 1-year term
- Financial Trustee **Dave Koch** 3-year term

Those continuing their terms:

- **Jim Wickman** Board Secretary (year 1 of a 2-year term)
- **Paul Livingston** Financial Trustee (year 2 of a 3-year term)
- **Cedrick Welch** Financial Trustee (year 1 of a 3-year term)

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve in 2023–24.

Board of Directors will be voted upon
at the May Membership Meeting
of the Moyaone Association.

Saturday, May 6, at 3 pm

*Wagner Community Center,
2311 Bryan Point Road*

Moyaone Association Board of Directors

President — John “JR” Rudzis
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Vice President — Logan Kistler
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Secretary — Jim Wickman
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Comptroller — Karen Bell
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Director-at-Large — Rose Kim
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Pulse of the Pool

The pool committee is excited to introduce this year’s pool manager; details are being finalized. We thank the members of the 2023 Search Committee — Rhonda Hanson, Logan Kistler, and Nancy Weiman — for all their hard work and dedication in March evaluating and interviewing several qualified candidates. The pool is also hiring an assistant pool manager and lifeguards.

Help us start the season right. A work party met on April 8, but more tasks might need to be done on Saturday morning, April 15. Also, more hands will be needed Memorial Day weekend in order to support a picnic and potluck for the pool’s opening weekend. Sign up sheet is here, <https://forms.gle/51CEGuu25Nbi1HnV8>. Or email russelhc@yahoo.com or text 240-383-9708 if you can come and help out on Saturday morning, April 15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday April 15 Work Party

1–2 weeks before Memorial Day Pool Inspection by Prince Georges County

Friday May 26 Accokeek Swim Team (AST) open house – *to be confirmed*

Saturday May 27 Pool Free Day

Sunday May 28 Community Picnic & Potluck

Monday May 29 Memorial Day – official opening

Tuesday May 30 AST starts practice – *to be confirmed*

The Moyaone Association, a volunteer-funded homeowner group established circa 1952, owns and operates four communal spaces known collectively as the Moyaone Commons. The Commons include (from east to west): the Hollyfield Complex (Pavilion, Tiki Bar, and Kitchen), the Moyaone Pool, the Wagner Community Center, and the Moyaone Playing Fields and Court. The Commons are located less than a mile from the Potomac River and between protected woodlands, wetlands, and historical agricultural land.

The 2023 Pool Committee is comprised of the following community members: Crystal Garcia, Ben Grenoble, Rhonda Hanson, Alex Naar, Hsin-I Russell, Russ Strathern, and Nancy Weiman. We meet the 3rd Tuesday monthly from Feb/Mar to October. Each of us represents some part of the pool’s stakeholders, including in no particular order, the Accokeek Swim Team (Go Gators!), the pool’s management and lifeguards, the Board of Trustees of the Moyaone Association, Association members, and pool members themselves. These groups make up our very own Pool Medley!



Le Etta McLaughlin Townsend

1942 — 2023

**A memorial service will be held at
Foundry United Methodist Church,
1500 16th St. NW, Washington, DC,
on Sunday, April 23 at 1:30 pm.**

Dear Neighbors,

From Bryan Point Road's vantage, Le Etta's bridge-building was peerless —

Already focused on stretching horizons from day one, Le Etta's Oklahoma roots blossomed through Missouri and led her spirit from the Nation's heartland to the Nation's capital.

In her lifelong capacity of making (very tasty and memorable) lemonade of every lemon ever served her, she spun the chance car crash with her forever-David into a fortunate family with him, gracing the heights of Accokeek overlooking the Hard Bargain Farm. There she guided legions of colleagues and children up on the hill, throughout the barnyard spaces, and in the fields and forest, always with all the savoir-faire from her global travels.

Just as every continent was her personal travel pal, so too was every time zone. Timelessly at hand — Le Etta personified service to others 24/7/365 — managing projects large, small, and medium, all human(e)ly, even closing her current journey with a final order to a restaurant to deliver a series of meals to her children, so they'd be fueled even as they rallied around her final days.

As you ready your thoughts to share with her Billy and Anne, before, at, and beyond Le Etta's memorial on April 23, 2023 at Foundry United Methodist Church, in Washington, DC, think of her focus on women in (fill in the space/place/ whichever race-to-run) and to ever building a path for any to be-tread, always to advance.

Loyal
Energetic
Erudite
Travel-ready
Talented with all colors of collar, and ever-
Able.

In Le Etta's memory, please consider donations to the Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607.

*Fondly, as a Hard Bargain Farm colleague,
and among her legions of lucky neighbors,
Kent L. Hibben
Moyaone Association Public Affairs Chair*

Moyaone Chili Cook-off Recap

Cool temperatures and no rain created the perfect evening for our March Chili Cook-off. The 2023 champion chefs are:

Meat-based Chili

1st place — John Hollyfield (second year in a row)

2nd place — Dave Koch

Plant-based Chili

1st place — Katherine Harris

2nd place — Amanda Truett

Many people helped make this event a success. We thank everyone who entered their chili and our hard-working judges — Thann Bennett, Doug Ciskowski, Soren Dayton, Jonathan Faull, Lindsay Laws, and Ikuko Turner — who had to make very difficult decisions.

Special thanks to the Moyaone Mashers, JJ Jackson, Logan Kistler, and Marty Carts, who donated their beer and talent.

We also thank the hard-working Fund Raising Committee — Rita Bergman, Ruth Gaumont, Sarah Godfrey, Rhonda Hanson, John Hollyfield, Betty Mitchell, Mary Lee Phelps, Rhonda Scott, Anne Stokes, Valerie Volcovici, and Nancy Weiman. Their community commitment has provided funding for many Wagner Community Center improvement projects.



Art Show Runs Through April 16



Lynn Hollyfield's concert and book signing at Mattawoman Creek Art Center (MCAC; Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD) on March 26th was a big success. This was in conjunction with the Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) art show, which runs at MCAC through April 16 on Fridays and weekends from 11–4. Make a point to visit the show if you haven't yet! The AAA will also participate in the Accokeek Foundation's "Lattes With Lambs" on Saturday, April 15. See the Accokeek Foundation website for ticket details (<https://www.accokeek.org/national-colonial-farm>). Looking ahead, AAA expects to participate in the Alice Ferguson's Foundation Spring Festival on May 13 as well (<https://www.fergusonfoundation.org/ways-to-give/spring-fest/>). AAA thanks everyone for all the community support!

*Accokeek Learning Pod
Math Club presents a*

MOSAIC ART GALA

**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.

A photograph showing several colorful mosaic art projects. Some are framed and displayed on a table, while others are part of a larger collaborative display. The mosaics use a variety of small, colorful tiles to create abstract and geometric patterns.

A group of students has been busy this semester studying math by doing mosaic art. They are currently working on a collaborative project which will be unveiled to the public on Friday, May 5. Come meet the artists and see their work at a Mosaic Art Gala on May 5, 5–8 pm, at the Moyaone Community Center. Light refreshments will be served.



Spontaneous Movement Club Members Sought

The weather's getting awesome and sometimes you need to just get the wiggles out with some local friends!!

We're hoping to gather neighbors, of all ages, in all levels of fitness, to form a Spontaneous Movement Club. Activities include ultimate frisbee, basketball, yoga by the river, jogging buddies, soccer, and ecstatic dance. Or anything else that members feel like doing that involve movement and play. Would you like to be notified about impromptu sports gatherings in the community?

Please email or text me to be on our contact roster:
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Celebrate Earth Day, April 22, at the Wagner Center with Author Nava Atlas!

RSVP appreciated. Read on for important updates!

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, 5 pm. 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.

AND here is a tasty update: we will be firing up the pizza oven for attendees! Supplies are limited, so one slice per person to start. In lieu of a set per-slice price, a donation to support the outstanding work of Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary is requested.

Tell your friends. Bring yourself, your curiosity, and beverages to drink or share.

An RSVP by April 18 is appreciated for this event; please email Jan Goldstein at: jgoldfish7@gmail.com.

About Nava

Ms. Atlas is a “seasoned” author and illustrator of vegetarian and vegan cookbooks. The recently reissued *Vegetariana: A Rich Harvest of Wit, Lore, & Recipes* was one of the first cookbooks of its kind in mainstream publishing (1984), and has been followed by over 20 subsequent titles 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. 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.

Local History Remembered:

Prince George’s County Lynching Memorial Project (PGC LMP) to Honor County’s Earliest Known Lynching Victim

Saturday, April 15, 1–2 pm, Harmony Hall Arts Center in the Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington

The Prince George’s County Lynching Memorial Project (PGC LMP), a local grassroots organization, will hold a community remembrance to honor Mr. Thomas Juricks, whose 1869 lynching is the first documented in Prince George’s County. The community remembrance is co-sponsored by the M-NCPPC Black History Program. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is encouraged but not required: <https://bit.ly/TJuricks2023>.

This moving program will tell the story of Mr. Thomas Juricks, a Black laborer and farmhand who lived with his family in the Piscataway area near Fort Washington and was extrajudicially murdered by a masked mob of White men on October 12, 1869. The historical aspects of his life and tragic lynching will be paired with a long overdue send-off for Mr. Juricks that will acknowledge and honor him through a libation ceremony, soil collection, music, poetry, and dance. Students of several local schools will be performing. Opportunities will be provided to the entire community to reflect and acknowledge that his life mattered and understand how this violent history reverberates into present-day issues such as white supremacy, mass incarceration and educational disparities between races.

“It has been our honor to collaborate with the Chapel Hill community of Fort Washington in researching the history of the lynching that took place there and in presenting what we hope will meaningfully honor the life taken and commit us all to the cause of racial justice in Prince George’s County,” stated the PGC LMP Co-Chairs Crystal Carpenter, Rev. Diane Teichert, and Krystina Tucker.

PGC LMP is a registered non-profit, all-volunteer organization affiliated with Bryan Stevenson’s Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) and the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project (MDLMP). Its mission is to educate the public on the truths of our nation’s continuing legacy of the institution of slavery and its impact on enslaved persons and their descendants, memorialize victims of racial terror lynchings in our county, and advance the cause of racial justice and reconciliation through mutual support and collaboration.

For more information about the event, email us at princegeorgescolmp@gmail.com or see our website at <https://pgclmp.org/>.

AFF Needs Spring Fest Volunteers

The Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) is in need of high school and adult volunteers for our upcoming Spring Fest on Saturday, May 13. Lend a hand as a parking attendant, booth assistant, or help with water and facilities upkeep. Enjoy the outdoors while supporting a local nonprofit organization. [Sign up here](#)



AFF's 35th Annual Cleanup at Piscataway Park, April 15

Join us on Saturday, April 15 to pick up trash around the shoreline and boardwalk areas of Piscataway Park. Give back to the local community by cleaning up a place we enjoy visiting. The cleanup will begin at 9 am. [Let us know you'll be helping out and complete our waiver here.](#)

Cleanup site address: 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

Take a tour of the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Living Building, one of the world's greenest structures and the 13th project in the world to achieve full Living Building Certification. Explore its unique features and also learn about the extraordinary work we undertook to stabilize the rapidly eroding Potomac River with an innovative "Living Shoreline." The tour will be led by the Foundation's Executive Director, Theresa Cullen.

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

Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road fergusonfoundation.org



Homegrown Coffeehouse: Last Show of the Season on April 28

Don't miss the last Homegrown Coffeehouse concert of the season on Friday, April 28. Main act: The Blue Rhythm Boys (*pictured above*; <https://bluerhythmboys.com>). Opener: Michelle Swan, 7–7:30 pm (<https://www.michelleswan.net>).

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

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



Join in the May Day Fun on Sat., April 29

6:15 am. Raising of the Maypole on the soccer field. No dancing but a song or two will be sung. Potluck pancake breakfast at the food pavilion. For those who will!

Main Events

1:00 pm — Grand Processional followed by Morris Dancing, Dancing around the Maypole and Singing plus Dancing for All and maybe a Poem!

2:15 pm. An Improper tea near the Moyaone Community Garden. A chance to meet real Morris dancers and your neighbors. Hosted by the Moyaone May Day team.

3:00–4:30 pm — Moyaone Spring Games: Croquet, Aunt Sally, Toss the Wellie, and Sack Races, ending with a grand tug-of-war.

4:45 or so — Wood-fired Pizza from the famous Moyaone Pizza crew; potluck salads and desserts. Beer supplied by the Moyaone Brewing Collective.

All events take place at the Moyaone Commons, 2311 Bryan Point Road. This is a free event, but help, donations, and potluck food items are welcome. For more information, contact Karen Heys: karen@karenheys.com



Reimagining Accokeek

The Board of the Accokeek Foundation is proud to announce that Anjela Barnes is the next Executive Director and President of the Accokeek Foundation! We are grateful for her years of service, most recently as Interim Executive Director, and we celebrate this next phase of our work together!



Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Launch

The Accokeek Foundation will be hosting the launch event for the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area in Piscataway Park on Thursday, May 25, at 12pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the national heritage area and the opportunities it'll bring to the region. The launch will feature keynote speaker Governor Wes Moore, cultural performances, entertainment, and tabling/exhibits so that the public can experience the rich and diverse heritage of Southern Maryland. Register at <https://bit.ly/SMNHA-Registration-AF>.

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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Casey Harlow at charlow@accokeek.org.

Thank you to Cindi for coming to the barnyard and making Nigel the art aficionado he always wanted to be! Look for his original paintings and other wonderful works from AAA at this LWL Art Showcase!



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

Earth Day Open House

Mark your calendars - Earth Day is April 22, and the Accokeek Foundation has excellent ways to give back to the planet through service and exploration! Stop by our Earth Day Open House from 11 am–3 pm to participate in a volunteer project and visit activity stations to learn more about Piscataway Park!



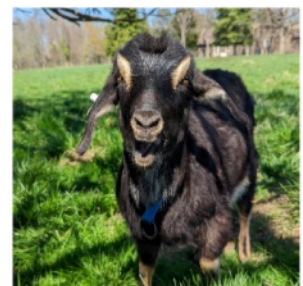
Volunteer Project 1: Work in the gardens and help clear the beds, remove invasive plants, and sow native plants and heirloom vegetables! Begins at 10 am.

Volunteer Project 2: Clean up the shoreline of the Potomac River in Piscataway Park. Help remove trash deposited along the bank to improve the health of the river! Begins at 12 pm.

Earth Day Open House will be on April 22, 10 am–3 pm. Preregister at bit.ly/earth-day-open-house-2023.

Livestock Tours

Livestock tours are back, and there are some new beaks and horns in the barnyard! Come meet the endangered heritage breed livestock of Piscataway Park and discover the role they play in saving the planet by preserving biodiversity!



Livestock Tours are held the first Saturday of the month, Apr.-Nov., 10 am-11:30 am. \$10 per adult, \$7 per child aged 3 to 10, and Free per child aged 2 and under.

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