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President's Note:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Greetings. I want to thank those who turned out for our annual celebration on May 28, which marked our Memorial Day Potluck Cookout at the Moyaone Commons and Pool. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who put it together. The pool season is well underway and our Moyaone Gators Swim Team season is also off to a promising start. Additionally, the pocked and uneven landscape across from the pool and behind the cook shack has also recently received much needed grading, which will help facilitate additional space for safe athletic activities. Thanks go to John Hollyfield and his volunteers for their tireless efforts to make this happen (see photos on page 2).

Our next big event is the annual Evening Pool Party, scheduled for July 15. The theme for this year's party is "Roman Holiday." I highly encourage everyone's participation as this is one of the major fundraising events of the year and well worth attending. Even if you cannot come, please consider buying tickets as a way to donate to the Reserve. See page 2 for the link to buy tickets on Eventbrite.

This is also the time of year when I like to remind our neighbors of our great fortune in living in the Moyaone. Protecting these lands also comes with responsibilities which are detailed in our active and current Scenic Easement Deed, dated February 19, 1963. This document and Public Law 87-362, which established Piscataway Park as a National Park, are available for study on our Moyaone website (moyaone.org). My purpose is to remind residents of provisions and restrictions on landowner activities, which are detailed in our Deed.

- 1) Professional and commercial activities.
- 2) Use of trailers as residence.
- 3) Purposes for which the land shall not be used.
- 4) Prohibition of use for public utilities.
- 5) Restrictions on signs and billboards.
- 6) Prohibition on mining and industrial activities.
- 7) Minimum lot size.

- 8) Installation of outbuildings.
- 9) Tree cutting.
- 10) Tree cutting approvals.
- 11) Dumping.

The list above includes just the topics from the Deed. I encourage everyone to read details of the Scenic Easement Deed on our website. These provisions are common sense for living on protected lands. If you are considering selling your Moyaone property, it is highly recommended that you or your agent provide this information to prospective buyers. The Moyaone Association is not an enforcement or adjudication body; however, breaches of our deed are expected to be referred to the National Park Service, which can and will enforce these provisions as they would for such activities in any other National Park. The purpose of this note is to provide awareness and to say "Thank you" for your cooperation in making the Moyaone Reserve the absolute best place to live.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish all our neighbors and friends a Happy Independence Day.

*With kindest regards, JR Rudzis
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Roman Holiday at the Moyaone Pool

Take a trip to Italy and join us for a Roman Holiday at the Moyaone Pool. Enjoy a beautiful evening under the stars with delicious food, delightful cocktails, and dancing to the music of Good Gravy.



Saturday, July 15, 7–10 pm

(Rain date: July 16)

\$45 at the door; \$40 if pre-registered.

Pre-register via Eventbrite by clicking the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/RomanHoliday2023>

All proceeds will be used for improvements to the Moyaone Community Center.
Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road
Must be 21 to attend



Volunteers Make Improvements to Field by Moyaone Commons Playground

— *John Hollyfield*

The field has been graded. A swale, cut in the field next to the playground, will allow water to drain off the field. Holes and low spots in the field have been filled, making it safer for kids playing on the playground. The field was de-rocked, seeded, covered with straw, and watered. Helpers were Bo Saylor, Kent Hibben, Bill Robertson, Alex Naar, Axel Naar, Daniel Breuer, and me.



Pulse of the Pool

— Hsin-I Russell

To celebrate the pool's opening weekend, we threw ourselves a potluck and social on May 28. We want to thank and recognize the following individuals for their assistance in setting up, grilling, and cleaning up: Crystal Garcia, me (Hsin-I), Rose Kim, Nancy Weiman, Tina Shotwell, Paola Addamiano-Carts, Jonathan Faull, James Finger, David Weiman, Russ Strathern, Marty Carts, John Hollyfield, and Thann Bennett.

On June 26, the pool was closed for a long overdue and much needed replacement of the three pool filters' sand. Thanks to Luke Garcia, Wulf Geist, Johannes and Josef Shotwell, Micah Dixon, Chris Aills, and Alex Naar for removing and replacing by hand over 1000 pounds of worn-out sand.

It's important to remember that we each bring different gifts to this monumental work. Some of us are super handy and get sweaty; some focus on coordinating and organizing with spreadsheets or third parties; some of us are always phoning or emailing; and some are helping with event planning and opening day preparations. ANY and all contributions to the work of the Pool Committee is worthy and worthwhile for the benefit of all — even if I don't have enough space to name you individually.

The next summer holiday is July 4 Independence Day, and the community will again meet at the pool on TUESDAY evening, July 4, for a joyful and spontaneous gathering. It's a potluck; the pizza oven and grill will be hot; and the pool may close early so folks can go see the fireworks. Feel free to bring a dish to share and enjoy another gorgeous evening in good company. (Note that if inclement weather is predicted for July 4, we'll gather instead on the evening of July 3.) The work party on July 3 starts at 9 am; click on the following link to sign up: [sign up form](#).

Also, we need hands to help with grass cutting and weed whacking around the pool and Commons this summer. Please RSVP: <https://forms.gle/eGkFF5Mj8ohFqeNy7>.

The [Accokeek Gators](#) will be swimming their home meet on July 15 from 8:30 am to 12 pm, holding a Swim-A-Thon on July 13, 5–9

pm, and a Movie Night on July 22, 8–11 pm. On those days the Tiki Bar and Cook Shack will be open and offering a variety of delectable bites: burgers, hot dogs, and cold beverages. All sale proceeds benefit our swim team. Come down to cheer us on and enjoy a picnic.

Also, on Saturday, July 15, the pool will be closing at 4 pm for a private event at 7 pm. “A Roman Holiday” is a fundraiser for improvements to the Wagner Center. Please support our fundraiser by attending this ticketed event (adults only). See page 2 for a link to purchase tickets on Eventbrite.

Pool memberships are still available; please see <https://www.moyaone.org/pool/> for more information and application.

The 2023 Pool Committee is comprised of the following community members: Chris Aills, Micah Dixon, Crystal Garcia, Ben Grenoble, Rhonda Hanson, Alex Naar, Hsin-I Russell, Russ Strathern, and Nancy Weiman. We each represent the pool's many stakeholders, including in no particular order, the Accokeek Swim Team (Go Gators!), the pool's management and lifeguards, the Board of Directors of the Moyaone Association, Association members, and the 2023 pool members themselves. These groups make up our very own Pool Medley!

We welcome all who are interested in supporting our community pool. We meet at 2311 Bryan Point Road on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Our next meeting is July 18. Questions or concerns? Please contact me at russelhc@yahoo.com or 240-383-9708.

Moyaone Community Pool Hours

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		7:30-9am	Early Morning Adult Swim			
9:30-11 Early Morning Swim	9-11 Swim Team	9-11 Pool maintenance	9-11 Swim Team	9-11 Pool maintenance	9-11 Swim Team	9:30-11 Early Morning Swim
11am-8pm Recreational Swim (1 lap lane, except Tue & Thu 1 lap lane until 6pm)						
		6-8pm Swim team in 4 lanes		6-8pm Swim team in 4 lanes		
		8-9pm Adult Swim		8-9pm Adult Swim		

Sat & Sun

9:30-11 Early Morning Adult Swim
11-8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane)
(½ hour for cleanup after closing)

M/W/F

7:30-9 Early Morning Adult Swim
9-11 Swim Team
11-8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane)
(½ hour for cleanup after closing)

T/Th

7:30-9 Early Morning Adult Swim
9-11 Pool Maintenance
11-8 Recreational Swim (1 lap lane until 6)
6-8 Swim Team in 4 lanes
8-9 Evening Adult Swim
(½ hour for cleanup after closing)

Adult Swim applies to persons who are 18 years of age or older.



Happy Summer Break from the Alice Ferguson Foundation!

Before summer fun and ultimate relaxation set in, we want to take a moment to reflect on all of the incredible adventures we've had with you, your families, and friends through our outdoor programs this school year. Highlights include...

- 622 seventh graders from 4 schools took part in the annual Allegany Outdoor School held at Rocky Gap State Park in September
- 1,554 third graders from 23 Charles County Public Schools visited for hands-on day programs throughout the fall and spring
- 301 fifth graders from 10 Prince George's County Public Schools stayed overnight throughout the spring for a unique experience in nature
- 435 students from 10 schools joined us in person at national parks throughout the region for STEM-focused field studies through our Bridging the Watershed program
- 480 students from DC schools and 323 students from Virginia schools traveled to our environmental campus for exploration and learning in the great outdoors

Thanks for a fantastic school year!



DATE CHANGE for Pinot on the Potomac

Our 9th Annual Pinot on the Potomac event has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 23 — to celebrate National Public Lands Day. We look forward to sharing an unforgettable day of wine, nature, and camaraderie as we raise our glasses to our transformative environmental education programs and the preservation of our beautiful public lands. Mark your calendars and buy tickets now to join us!

Saturday, September 23, 3–6 pm at the Ferguson Farmhouse & Gardens: [BUY TICKETS](#)

SUMMER CAMP at AFF

Register Today for Summer Adventure Camp. Campers ages 4–10 can feel the thrill of rolling down our farmhouse hill and experience the exhilaration of pure joy at our Summer Adventure Camp! From giggles to grass stains, Hard Bargain Farm is where memories are made, and laughter echoes through the air. Don't miss out on this remarkable summer adventure in nature!

Choose from four one-week sessions this July. Act fast; limited spots remain. [REGISTER FOR CAMP](#)

NOW HIRING Environmental Educators

Do you love being in nature? Share your love of the outdoors with the youth of today! We're hiring part-time environmental educators for the upcoming school year. Start date is August 21.

Email us at apply@fergusonfoundation.org for more information.



CCYO Presents an Independence Day Concert on Saturday, July 1 at AFF

The Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO; pictured above at an outdoor performance) will present a free Independence Day Concert on Saturday, July 1, at 8 pm, to be held at Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF), 2001 Bryan Point Road.

<https://www.facebook.com/charlescountyyouthorchestra/>

<https://www.facebook.com/alicefergusonfoundation/>

Following the concert, the fireworks of Mt. Vernon, directly across from the river, may be viewed.

Directed by Dr. Osman Kivrak, CCYO will perform a rousing concert including the *1812 Overture*, *Rhapsody in Blue*, music from *The Avengers*, *Ashokan Farewell*, *Ode to Joy*, and a selection of fiddle tunes, as well as works by Pachelbel, Handel, and more.

"We are delighted to be a part of this Charles County Youth Orchestra's summer concert," said Theresa Cullen, AFF Executive Director. "Through our six decades of doing youth programs, we know how truly critical the arts and the outdoors are to the health and well-being of the next generation, and we are proud to support these talented young musicians."

Upcoming CCYO events in July include the CCYO Chamber Music Festival with concerts at 8 pm on July 22 and 29 at Christ Church, La Plata (112 Charles St.).

CCYO presents two large concerts and several smaller concerts each year, a two-week Chamber Music Festival with two additional chamber music concerts, and 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.

For more information, please contact Dr. Osman Kivrak, Director, CCYO (phone 301 375-7109; charlescountyyouthorchestra.org; <https://www.charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/>).

More Long Distance Flights at Reagan Airport? It's Up in the Air

Southern Maryland Fair Skies Coalition (SMFSC), was founded to seek solutions to decrease aircraft noise and air pollution south of Reagan National Airport (DCA). The most severely impacted neighborhoods are Accokeek, Bryans Road, Benville, and Fort Washington.

Recently, Capital Access Alliance (a coalition of business groups working to expand the number of long-haul domestic flights to DCA) urged Congress to eliminate the long-standing perimeter at Reagan National Airport (DCA). Allowing larger airplanes to land at DCA could increase noise and pollution for Accokeek and surrounding areas. At present, the proposed change is still being debated among politicians.

DCA has been subject to restrictions that limit the number of flights that travel more than 1,250 miles from Reagan for nearly 60 years. To learn more about the perimeter rule, please see the website of the Coalition to Protect America's Regional Airports (<https://www.protectregionalairports.com>) and the SMFSC website (<https://www.southernmarylandfairskiescoalition.com/slotperimeter-rules>).

A Reagan National Community Noise Working Group — Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) — was established in October 2015 to engage broad-based community participation in identifying practical aircraft noise solutions and recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration. Working Group voting stakeholders include community members appointed by elected officials from local jurisdictions, and two airline representatives. The MWAA Noise Working Group will hold its next meeting on Zoom on July 27, 6–8 pm (people may log on at 5:45 pm). Please [click here to view the meeting live](#). A link for viewing the meeting also will be available on the [DCA Community Working Group web page](#).

<https://www.flyreagan.com/about-airport/aircraft-noise-information/dca-reagan-national-community-working-group>