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President's Note:

Looking Ahead to Moyaone Association Membership Meeting on May 4

Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to March. Another winter is almost behind us. Don't put away those snow shovels yet. Just nine years ago our region received 5–10 inches of snow on March 5, 2015. Over a century ago, the largest March snowfall on record in Washington, DC occurred with over a foot of snow accumulating on March 27–28, 1891. There are a few more examples of significant snowfall during March in-between those years. Fingers crossed we will avoid a "snowmageddon" this year.

On to business — tracking our revenue intake from dues, we have received \$53,327 as of February 26th. The good news is we have 109 payers for both improved and unimproved lots. Thank you to all who have paid! Not so good is that we have a way to go to meet our revenue target this year of 155 total payers across improved and unimproved lots. Ideally, every Moyaone neighbor would recognize the benefit of living here and contribute. Often, members arrive at our May and December Association meetings, pay their dues and vote. If you're in the habit of waiting for the membership meetings, please pay now. We accept monthly ACH payments at 10% of the annual dues for those who do not wish to pay the lump sum. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Moyaone Association Board of Directors Monthly Meetings

Meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (unless noted because of holiday or other exception). BOD Meetings are scheduled for March 26 and April 23.

6:30 pm, Wagner Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road

Our next meeting of the Moyaone Association is on Saturday, May 4, 2024. There will be at least two very important items on the agenda:

1) We will have the opportunity to vote on updates and corrections to our bylaws. A hardworking trio consisting of Mike Nelson, John Mitchell, and our Secretary, Jim Wickman, are diligently wading through to correct inconsistencies, vagueness, and out-of-date provisions in the bylaws. A draft of the updated bylaws will be made to the members in good standing for review during the middle of April.

2) We will also vote for the slate of nominees for all five positions on the Moyaone Association Board of Directors and for two Financial Trustees (FT). One FT will serve two years and one FT will serve three years. The final slate of nominees will be made available to our members in good standing during mid-April. Our Nominating Committee members, Ben Kirkup, Alex Naar, and Kent Hibben, have gone above and beyond, to survey our membership and solicit suggestions for nominees to our open positions. If you haven't already done so, contact the members of the Nominating Committee to participate in their remaining sessions.

If you didn't notice the pattern above, information will be provided during April to members in good standing, i.e., property owners living in the Moyaone Reserve who have paid their 2024 annual dues. It is highly recommended that members pay their dues by the end of March if they want to cast informed votes for elections of our Moyaone Association Officers and adoption of our improved Moyaone Association Bylaws.

Please don't forget to sign up for our Chili Cookoff on March 16 — always a good time (see page 4 for the weblink to purchase tickets on Eventbrite). Thanks again for all you do to preserve the Reserve.

Respectfully, John Rudzis
President, Moyaone Association
MoyaonePresident@gmail.com

Moyaone Association Board Elections — Your Voice Shapes Our Future

Calling all Moyaone Reserve residents! The Moyaone Association (MA) Board of Directors election is this Spring. As announced last month, the Nominating Committee seeks your input in selecting qualified candidates who will represent our diverse needs and aspirations.

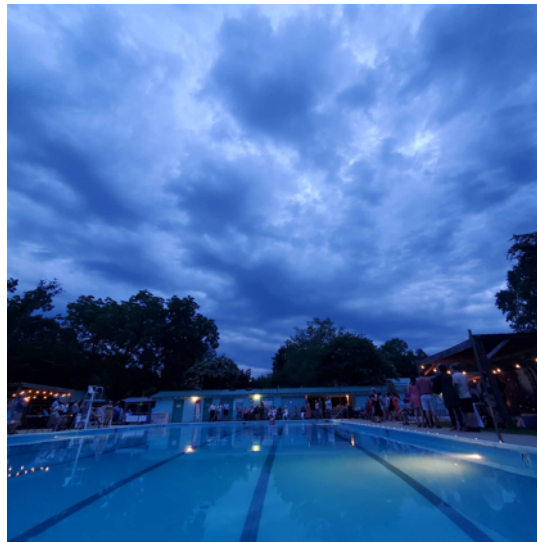
As per Article VIII of the Moyaone Association Bylaws, for those who are interested in such details, this is an announcement of the Nominating Committee's activity. This committee naturally accepts suggestions for candidates for the available elective positions; and will continue accepting them until 25 April, 2024, in advance of the May 2024 Annual Membership Meeting. At this annual meeting, additional nominations of other MA members can be made from the floor, should they be desired.

At the meeting, the committee intends to introduce each nominee and provide an explanation for the nomination; including material qualifications and our own appreciation of the nominee's character. We respectfully request that each additional nominee from the floor also be introduced by someone who wishes to praise them and describe the motivation for the nomination. The introduction also serves as an opportunity to air well-deserved accolades for our neighbors.

The committee has held several meetings already and is continuing to invite residents to these listening sessions. Please join us for coffee or a beer at one of our homes or down at the Wagner Center at 2311 Bryan Point Road. It's an opportunity to share your perspectives in a non-attributational, relaxed setting. Alternatively, you're welcome to schedule a phone call with a committee member by contacting Ben Kirkup, Alex Naar, or Kent Hibben. If you prefer, send your thoughts directly via email to bckirkup@post.harvard.edu, Alex@AlexNaar.com, or KentLHibben@gmail.com. We are reaching out to each Moyaone Reserve landowner we can identify to invite this kind of engagement; if you haven't yet been invited, invitations are continuing; feel free to contact us if you haven't yet heard from us.

Remember, while voting requires MA membership, informal input to the nomination process is open to all. Let's build a MA Board that further embodies the spirit of the Moyaone Reserve through the generations and enables the Moyaone Association to give us a venue for continued service to each other.

*Ben Kirkup, MA 2024 Nominating Committee (NC) Chair
Alex Naar, NC Member
Kent L. Hibben, NC Member*



Pulse of the Pool

The pool is slated to open Memorial Day weekend. The Moyaone Pool is a community pool, and thus, it is only with helping hands in the community that we open the pool for another summer. We expect to start work in April to prepare for the county inspection and opening day, so watch for announcements as we firm up dates and times.

We are hiring! Starting in April we will begin interviewing for a Pool Manager and Pool Operators. A job posting to Indeed.com is forthcoming and will widen our search for qualified candidates. Interested parties may forward a current resume, salary expectations, and a statement of interest to moyaonepool@gmail.com. Lifeguards from last season have also been contacted about these job opportunities.

We are still recruiting volunteers for the following subcommittees: 1) Pre- and Post-Season Maintenance, permits, work parties, etc.; 2) Staff Operations, day-to-day, Pool Manager, staff scheduling; 3) Communications for day-of pool updates; and 4) Coordination with Accokeek Swim Team, and other groups like summer camps. Even if your interest is limited to a specific activity or event such as lifeguard training, weeding the deck, or grilling at a holiday social, please sign up, so we know that you're still interested! (And we thank you for it!) The 2024 Pool Committee sign up is <https://forms.gle/HgTadzY3aBZWLRd9>.

If you want to help and support our small community pool, but don't have the time, please consider making a financial contribution to help us cover large and necessary expenses (moveable lifeguard chair stands, broken/unrepairable deck). Venmo @MoyaoneComptroller with the following note "re: FOR THE POOL." Email russelhc@yahoo.com, or text 240-383-9708, with any specific questions, comments, feedback, or requests.



Harry Stafford Allison, Jr.

May 10, 1934 – February 17, 2024

Harry Stafford Allison, Jr., 89, of St. Leonard, MD, passed away peacefully on Feb. 17, 2024.

Born in Washington, DC, Harry was a graduate of Bladensburg High School and a proud U.S. Army veteran. A master craftsman, Harry founded and formerly owned and operated H.S. Allison, Inc., prior to his retirement. He was also a member and past Master of Oxon Hill Masonic Lodge #231, past Grand Inspector of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and former member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Baltimore Forest #005. Harry constructed a beautiful home in the Moyaone Reserve, where he was an active community member, often volunteering his time for the betterment of the community. He lived in the Moyaone Reserve with his family for over 50 years.

Harry is survived by his wife of 68 years, Patricia Allison, and their three children, Kathleen Allison (James Levin), Linda Vassallo (Christopher), and George Stafford Allison, Sr. (Donna). He is also survived by eight grandchildren:

Matthew, John, and Emery Levin; Maxwell and Allison Vassallo; and Alise DeSantis (Dylan), Stafford Jr., and Campbell Allison, and two nieces Laura and Nancy Allison. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Stafford Allison, Sr. and Alice Sophronia Allison; sister Georgia Lee Allison; brother George Lee Allison; and son, Harry Stafford Allison, III.

Dear Neighbors,

Among the community-unifiers we're graced to share these forests and fields with, Harry Stafford Allison anchored us for over a half-century, with a peerless crafter's eye, and the singular Accokeek Oktoberfests he championed alongside our partners at the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Every meal he guided, with neighbors' invited hands, with only the top-shelf ingredients; every structure he built, each with the finest of measure, all converged to make each of us happier, sheltered, well-fed, and ever-included, wherever his focus landed.

He and his wife Pat, and their children, Kathleen, Linda, and Stafford, comrades in school, on the swim team, and endless forest adventures, strengthened locals' quality of life and the broadness of smile all these years long.

His passion for precision and for Gemütlichkeit guided so many of us: Hank, the Hollyfields, Doris, Papa, myself

It is clear, as is today's colorful crisp sunrise, that he's been called to further shape our neighborliness — from ever serving the health of all through his freeing seats at his tables ... he's now, in turn, gracing a seat at His

*Ein Prosit, zur seiner Ehre!
To Health, to his honor!
Kent L. Hibben*



The Moyaone Community Garden

is located on the Moyaone Association grounds, next to the Wagner Center building. 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



Art by Cindi Rudzis

Annual Chili Challenge Cook-off

Saturday, March 16, 5–8 pm

Come on down! Join your friends and neighbors at the Moyaone Community Center (2311 Bryan Point Rd.) on Saturday, March 16 from 5 to 8 pm for the annual Chili Challenge Cook-off. There will be both plant-based and meat chili with all the trimmings, cornbread, dessert, and wine. In addition the Moyaone brewers will be providing their especially brewed beer.

If you're a chef and planning to make your favorite variety of chili, be sure to fill out an application. Please use this weblink to submit your entry form for the chili competition: Chili Cook-off Application. There will be prizes for the best plant-based chili and for the best chili with meat. Note that all chef entries must arrive at the Moyaone Community Center by 3:30 pm on the day of the event.

Tickets are \$25 per person; children under the age of 10 are free when accompanied by a paying adult. Children over age 10 (and under 16) are \$10. Admission will be waived for all chefs entering the challenge. **Tickets are available on Eventbrite:** <https://tinyurl.com/chilichallenge2024>. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Proceeds will be used to make improvements to the Moyaone Association's Wagner Center grounds and recreational facilities.

Coming Saturday, April 27



2024 MOYAONE HOMES TOUR

A fantastic tour is planned for this year featuring homes with a variety of architectural styles; some have never been on the tour before.

This will be your opportunity to explore lovely historical homes, wander through luxurious, newer residences, and enjoy the woods in spring.

Admission tickets for the Homes Tour include a Wine and Cheese Social, and silent auction.

**Homes Tour on Saturday,
April 27 • 1–5 pm**

**followed by Wine and Cheese Social
with Silent Auction
5–7 pm**

*Registration and Sign-in is being held at the
Moyaone Community Center
2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek MD*

Tickets are \$35 per person when prepaid,
and \$40 at the door.

The Homes Tour is for ages 16 and older.

Information for purchasing tickets on Eventbrite will
appear in the April issue of *Smoke Signals*

*Join us and have a fun day
in the neighborhood!*



The Accokeek Artists Alliance presents:

STAINED GLASS

An Artist's Demonstration

with Jimmy Powers, Art League faculty



Sunday, April 7, 1 pm
Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Smallwood State Park,
Marbury, MD

All are welcome!
Stay for refreshments and to see the AAA show!



AAA Spring Show at Mattawoman Creek Art Center

The Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) is excited to invite everyone to our spring art show at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center in Smallwood State Park (5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD). The show, which opens on March 15, includes work by many Moyaone artists and will be open on Fridays and weekends through April 14, from 11 am until 4 pm. Please join us for the opening reception, from 1 until 4 pm on Sunday, March 17.

Stained Glass Demo

There will be a second reception, in conjunction with a stained glass demo by Karen Hoagberg's teacher, Jimmy Powers, on Sunday, April 7 at 1 pm. (See the poster, above right.) Also coming up: the AAA hopes to have a presence at the Earth Awakening Festival at the National Colonial Farm on April 13. If you want to get involved in the local art scene, you can join us via the AAA website: accokeekartistsalliance.com.



Hello new neighbors!

We are Asmaa and Roger. Asmaa was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and Roger was born and raised in Switzerland. We met in Alaska and moved to the DC area in 2016. We like the outdoors, tennis, and swimming, and can't wait for the pool to open. We are truly excited to be living in this beautiful community and can't wait to meet all our neighbors!

Moyaone Association Board of Directors

- President* — John "JR" Rudzis
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MoyaoneDirectorAtLarge@gmail.com



"Uprooted." Watercolor art by Moyaone artist Frances Taylor.

VEGAN POTLUCK

Join us on Sunday, March 10 at 6:15 pm for the next vegan potluck dinner here in the Moyaone Reserve at the home of Sheryl Romeo and Matt Schwaller. RSVP no later than the day before to: moyaoneveg@gmail.com



African Peanut Soup

This fragrant soup was a hit at the February Homegrown Coffeehouse, and is based on a groundnut (peanut) stew that is a staple in Western Africa. Thanks to Lynn Hollyfield for passing on the delicious stew recipe!

Dear Herby,

One of our children has never had a taste for meat. In fact, he is downright averse to it. We don't know where this came from, but we feel we need to find a way to honor this seemingly inborn aversion and at the same time ensure a healthy diet. What would you suggest?

Sincerely, Puzzled Parents of Little Mr. Veg

Dear Puzzled Parents,

It's great that you are supportive while making sure that his nutritional needs are met. Fortunately, several studies have confirmed that meat is not an essential component of children's diets. And the good news is that there are so many options these days that are nutritious and appealing not only to your one child, but your entire family. You really won't have to make separate meals for Little Mr. Veg and everyone else, at least not most of the time. Here are a few resources from cookbook author Nava to get you started:

[35+ Cozy, Family-Friendly Vegan Casserole Recipes](#)

[10+ Easy School Lunch Ideas for Vegetarian / Vegan Kids & Teens](#)

[Got the Munchies? Easy Vegan Snack Ideas](#)

Also, from *Forks Over Knives*:

[27 Vegan Recipes for Kids that Will Win Over Picky Eaters](#)

And as a bonus: In the long run, this aversion may well be the beginning of a healthier lifestyle not only for Little Mr. Veg, but for the entire family.

Herby

p.s. Readers, please email your questions about this column or anything vegan to moyaoneveg@gmail.com.

1 tbsp olive oil

1 yellow onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tbsp minced fresh ginger

1 sweetpotato, peeled and cut into ½ - 1" chunks

1 15-oz can diced tomatoes

½ cup natural peanut butter

½ tsp red pepper flakes

¼ cup red quinoa, rinsed

4 cups vegetable broth

2 cups finely chopped kale, stems removed

Salt to taste (up to 2 tsp if your broth is low in sodium)

- Heat oil in a pot, add onion and sauté until soft.
- Add the garlic and ginger and sizzle briefly with the onion.
- Add all the remaining ingredients except the kale.
- Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until sweetpotato is tender.
- For a thicker soup, insert an immersion blender and pulse for a few seconds at a time, or transfer approximately one-third of the soup to a blender, liquify, and return to the pot.
- Add more water if necessary to achieve the desired consistency.
- Taste and adjust salt, depending on the saltiness of your vegetable broth.
- Add kale and stir until wilted.



[Meat Free Mondays](#) is a campaign that was founded in 2009 by animal lover Sir Paul McCartney, along with daughters Mary and Stella. This international effort partners with celebrities, schools, and businesses to encourage people to begin a meat-free lifestyle for the benefit of the earth, the animals, and their health. Try the African Peanut Soup recipe above!

The Homegrown Coffeehouse

25th Anniversary

IONA-Pan Celtic
 Saturday, 3/23, 6PM
 WAGNER CENTER
 2311 Bryan Point Road
 Accokeek, MD 20607

Quiet the Mountain
 Suggested Donation: \$25
 Lite Supper-homemade soups,
 bread, desserts 6:15-7:30PM
 Music 7:15-9:45

Conceived in 1986, IONA was the musical offspring of lead singer, bouzouki, guitar and bodhrán player Barbara Ryan and wind section, Bernard Argent. With fiddler Jim Queen (banjo and vocals), percussive dancer and singer Marsha Searle, and Leigh Oben on guitar, bass guitar and double bass, IONA has become the leading Celtic group in the Mid-Atlantic region.

They are all seasoned performers who involve their audiences with the history and cultural backgrounds of the music. IONA's performances are FUN! Barbara and Bernard teach audiences words to the songs (some in Celtic languages!), lead them in clapping, and even encourage them to dance! IONAMusic.com

IONA and Quiet the Mountain at Homegrown Coffeehouse, March 23

Saturday, March 23. Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. Doors open 6 pm, lite supper: soup, bread and home-made desserts are available for a donation. Music is at 7:15–7:45 pm, Quiet the Mountain; 8–10 pm, IONA. Admission: Suggested donation: \$25.

Quiet the Mountain is an acoustic/folk duo based in the Baltimore area. Singer/composer Christian Alfonso and multiple award-winning fingerstyle guitarist Jimmy Stewart combine exquisite fingerstyle guitar and complex vocal harmonies to create beautifully crafted songs that will sweep you off of your feet. <https://jimmyplaysguitar.com/home>

IONA's music is a unique, acoustic weave of the traditional music of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany, the Isle of Man, Asturias, and Galicia, as well as their transplants in America. Blending songs, dance tunes, and aires into a rich tapestry, their style is outstanding in an arena where these traditions are seldom intertwined.

Traditional Music Series at the Lyceum

*Sat., March 9, 7:30 pm. The Irish Breakfast Band
<https://shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.asp>*

*Tues., Apr. 16, 7 pm. Southwest Ramblers
<https://ticketstripe.com/southwestramblers>*

*Thurs., May 9, 7:30 pm. Andrew Finn Magill and Alan Murray
<https://ticketstripe.com/magillandmurray>*

*Fri., May 17, 7:30 pm. Jeff Warner
<https://ticketstripe.com/JeffWarner>*

*Fri., June 7, 7:30 pm. Brian Conway and Brendan Dolan
<https://ticketstripe.com/Conway-Dolan>*

The Traditional Music Series at the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum is a partnership between the City of Alexandria and the North American Morris Dance Organization. The purpose of the Series is to continue the 150-year history of traditional music performance at the Lyceum in an intimate setting.

GET READY TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING OF CONTRA DANCING

Friday March 22nd 6-8p
600 Farmington Rd W
Accokeek MD

Celebrate the start of spring with this **FREE** event!
 Light refreshments will be available for purchase

Rain or shine under the Pavilion. Questions?
 Email: lisarhacker@gmail.com



Alice Ferguson Foundation 36th Annual Potomac Cleanup and Open House, April 6

Thank you for helping to keep Accokeek clean and beautiful! Because we know you care about the land and water of this amazing place, we're excited to invite you to the Alice Ferguson Foundation's 36th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, which engages volunteers across the region to clean up our communities and rivers. Our flagship cleanup will be on Saturday, April 6, 9 am–2 pm in Piscataway National Park — and you are also welcome to visit our Open House nearby, where we'll have refreshments, snacks, family-friendly educational activities, and a fun hayride down to the Potomac!

This is your opportunity to meet hundreds of your like-minded neighbors who want a beautiful, clean Accokeek environment. We'd love to see you there! [RSVP at this link here.](#)

Eight Hands Wellness

Hey folks, make this the year you take care of your body and your skin. Come check out Eight Hands Wellness, located right here in Accokeek! It's great to be able to do yoga or Pilates classes in studio, or on Zoom from your own home. Also offered is bodywork and collagen stimulation and skin-tightening, anti-aging processes with micro-current and radio frequency. Call or text today: 301-266-5585 for more information — or visit our website (mariafemia.weebly.com) for more modalities and services.



Spend Summer Break at Hard Bargain Farm!

Registration for our 2024 Summer Adventure Camp, winner of the Washington Parent Picks for Maryland Camps, is OPEN! Get ready for an unforgettable camp season with new weekly themes and exciting activities for exploration and learning. Your child will enjoy weeks filled with hiking through the forest, creating with nature, finding critters, splashing at the pool, and making new friends. Space is limited — [check out the camp details here](#) and save your child's spot today!

Summer Adventure Camp welcomes campers ages 4–13.

Now Hiring Maintenance Technician

We're looking for a dedicated individual to join our team and ensure our facilities and farm run smoothly. This full-time position will coordinate and assist with the maintenance of our grounds and buildings. Learn more and apply at: fergusonfoundation.org/jobs

*Alice Ferguson Foundation, 2001 Bryan Point Road
fergusonfoundation.org*

Join us

Saturday March 9 at Noon

Brunch and Learn

Untold Stories at
Piscataway Park

You're invited to a fundraiser for The Accokeek Foundation at the home of Doug Hattaway and Ian Davis

2711 Colonial Rd
Accokeek, MD 20607

- Learn about preserving [Piscataway history and culture](#) on this Indigenous cultural landscape
- See the unique [light painting](#) in a home designed by an architect, artist and astronomer
- Explore ways you can [contribute to care for the land](#) and share its stories



Learn more about the Accokeek Foundation:



Saturday, March 9, Noon. 2711 Colonial Rd.
Suggested donation: \$25

RSVP: development@accokeek.org