

Smoke Signals



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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Our family's favorite children's book for spring is Anne Hunter's *Possum and the Peeper* which lauds the huge voice of the tiny Spring Peeper. Even though I see my early daffodils and snowdrops in bloom, to me, there is nothing that says, "Spring is around the corner," more than the happy peeping around the neighborhood. And they are peeping! I hope each of you is finding some small (or large) sign of renewal and warmth.

Some Moyaone Association housekeeping:

- **Invoicing.** Email invoices went out mid-February. Thank you to all who have paid Consolidated Fees! We are at roughly 50% of the budgeted consolidated fee income stream. Paper invoices will go out shortly.
- **Planning for big expenses.** The Roads Committee has plans for making much needed improvements on 3 target road areas within the community. The expense for these projects is not covered by the annual budget. Thus, a proposal is being made to pull limited funds from our T Rowe Price account annually over the next 3 years, allowing the Association to tackle one project per year. Look for more details in the April Smoke Signals. A vote at the annual meeting in May will be required to go forward.
- **Upcoming elections.** Anticipating elections in May, the Nominating Committee is hard at work. If you have ever considered serving in the administration of the Moyaone Association, I encourage you to reach out to the Committee. My personal journey, from committee volunteer to Comptroller to President has been rewarding—not always easy, but rewarding, certainly—and has given me great appreciation for the various people who contribute so much to preserving the Moyaone Reserve.
- **ANNUAL MAY MEETING** is set for Saturday, May 3 @ 3PM at the Wagner Center, 2311 Bryan Point Rd, Accokeek, MD 20607. Mark your calendars!

Paola Addamiano-Carts, President
Moyaone Association

April Board meeting:
Wednesday, April 2.
Wagner Center
6:30PM for social time; 7PM business

Upcoming Events

March 1

Piscataway Park hours extended to 7 am to 7 pm. The Visitor Center and gift shop will reopen for the season on March 19 (Wednesday-Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm).

New!

March 21, 6-8pm

Family Folk Dancing (see attached flyer)

Join us under the pavilion at Christ Church Accokeek, 600 Farmington Rd W, Accokeek, MD for contra dancing - traditional social folk dancing. No dancing experience required! Dance caller Jordan Kammeyer will teach everyone what they need to know. This is a fun opportunity for individuals, families and kids of all ages to have fun and learn something new. The church youth will host a concession stand that will have food to help raise money for youth events.

Any questions please contact Lisa Thacker at 208-484-3346 or lisarthacker@gmail.com

New!

March 23, 11am

Join your friends and neighbors at the next **VEG vegan potluck!** The March potluck will be brunch at the home of Sheryl Romeo and Matt Schwaller

Please RSVP to MoyaoneVEG@gmail.com

March 29, 9am-noon

Buy Nothing Accokeek Jar Jam (see attached flyer)

Prevent perfectly reusable glass jars from ending up in the landfill. You're welcome to stop by just to check out the action, even if you don't have jars to offer.

If you have questions, reach out to Sarah Kase, our Buy Nothing Accokeek organizer, via facebook.

Back on!

March 29, 5-8 pm

Annual Chili Challenge Cook-off (full writeup on next page)

Join your friends and neighbors at the Moyaone Community Center There will be both plant-based and meat chili with all the trimmings, cornbread, dessert, and wine. Sign up to compete with this [weblink](#) or buy your tickets on Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/chilichallenge2025>. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

April 5, 9am-1 pm

37th Annual Potomac Cleanup & Open House

Join the Alice Ferguson Foundation's flagship cleanup along the shoreline of Piscataway National Park - and you are also welcome to visit our Open House nearby, where we'll have snacks, family-friendly educational activities, and a fun hayride down to the Potomac!

[RSVP at this link here.](#)

April 14-18, 9am-3pm

Spring Adventure Camp at Hard Bargain Farm (ages 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12)

[Save your campers spot here!](#)

April 19

Accokeek Artists Alliance Cold Wax Workshop

Sign up at accokeekartistsalliance.com

New!

April 26, 10am-noon

Volunteer Open House at the Accokeek Foundation in Piscataway Park (full writeup following)

From the Association

Community Garden Plots Available

The Moyaone Community Garden is located on the Moyaone Association grounds at 2311 Bryan Point Road, 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

The Pool is Hiring!

In addition to searching for a Pool Manager, we are also looking to hire an Assistant Pool Manager and several Lifeguards.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out at 240-383-9708. Thank you!

See the full job description below, or find it on Indeed: [Manager - Accokeek, MD 20607](#)

Annual Chili Challenge Cook-off Saturday, March 29, 5–8 pm

Come on down! Join your friends and neighbors at the Moyaone Community Center (2311 Bryan Point Rd.) on Saturday, March 29 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 specially 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/chilichallenge2025>. 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.

From your neighbors

Hello Neighbors!

My name is Drew Decatur, and I'm a recent graduate excited to offer my services to help take care of your pets and homes in our community! As someone who has been helping with dogs for as long as I can remember, I'm passionate about providing top-notch care for your furry friends and ensuring your home is safe and secure when you're away.

Services I Offer:

- **Dog Walking:** Keep your dog active and happy with daily walks.
- **Dog Sitting:** Offering a loving and reliable alternative to kennels.
- **House Sitting:** Whether you're only taking care of your home or away for a bit, I'll take care experience with children and am happy to lend a helping hand.

Why Choose Me?

- Experienced with dogs from a young age.
- Independent and personalized care – I'm not affiliated with an agency, which means more flexibility and personal attention.
- Affordable rates: Only \$20 per hour!

I'm available for short-term or long-term bookings, and I'd love to be your go-to helper for pets, homes, and even little ones!

Feel free to email me at ddecatur24@gmail.com or text me at **661-902-7889** if you need help or have any questions. I'm excited to help out and get to know more neighbors!

Here are some pictures of me with some wonderful dogs I've cared for in the neighborhood. I'd love to add your pets to my circle of care!

Looking forward to connecting with you soon!

Warmly,
Drew Decatur

(The photos are of me, Freddie, Stevie, and Gabby)



Monday Nights Red Beans and Rice Dinners

In March, April, and May, I will be having very informal red beans and rice dinners at my house on Steamboat Landing on Monday evenings at 6:30pm (except 4/21). All Moyaoners are invited. I was inspired reading about the life of Pableaux Johnson in the New York Times. He brought folks together and this seemed like a lovely way to connect with neighbors. (More about him below). Reach out by phone or email ideally on the Sunday before so I know roughly how much food to make and dietary restrictions / preferences. noratobin@gmail.com or t: 617.291.7240. Bring a beverage to share, if inclined.

-Nora Nelson

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/28/dining/pableaux-johnson-dead.html?smid=nytcore-android-share>

CAR FOR SALE: CHEVELET AVEO

\$4,000

Year: 2008; 111,000 miles

Little old lady driven and garage kept

One small scrap on bumper. New battery. (Lock on drive side works but needs a new outdoor lock)

call or text 301-266-5585 -maria





New park hours are officially in effect. Park gates are now open from 7 am to 7 pm. For park status updates and information about weather closures, be sure to follow the Accokeek Foundation on Facebook and Instagram.

The Visitor Center re-opens for the season on Wednesday, March 19. The Visitor Center will be open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm through December. Come by for snacks, Piscataway Park merch, and products from local artists and small businesses.



Construction still in progress in Piscataway Park! The water project is scheduled to be completed on March 28. Following the completion of the project, potable water will be restored, and the Visitor Center restrooms will again have running water. Please exercise caution while visiting as construction crews are on site and actively digging. We thank you for your patience!



We're hiring!

We're currently accepting applications for these openings:

*Finance Manager

*Annual Giving & Communications Coordinator

Visit <https://www.accokeek.org/careers> for full description of the position and instructions on how to apply.



ACCOKEEK FOUNDATION at Piscataway Park

SAVE THE DATE!

Volunteer Open House

Interested in volunteering with the Accokeek Foundation in Piscataway Park? Join us on Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 12 pm to learn more about all of the different ways you can lend a hand in 2025.

Volunteering with the Accokeek Foundation is an amazing opportunity to give back to the traditional capital of the Piscataway People, a sacred place called Moyaon. Whether you just want to volunteer for the day, or are looking for a recurring volunteer position, we have opportunities to fit all interests and skill levels.

Volunteer Opportunities in 2025 include:

- Shoreline clean-ups
- Invasive plant management
- Plant surveying
- Visitor Center Representative
- Outreach Ambassador
- Green Thumbs Garden volunteers
- Farmhands livestock volunteers
- Park Maintenance
- Stitch 'n Time fiber arts volunteers

Thank you for paying your fees!

This list includes both unimproved and improved lot owners who have paid Association fees.

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Abernethy	Hannes	Ramundo
Aills	Hanson	Rischmiller
Allen, Gary/Candace	Hansz/Surtees	Robertson/Stokes
Anderson	Hattaway	Rudzis
Barrera	Hibben/Cibelli	Schwaller/Romeo
Bell	Hollyfield	Sentman/Laws
Bigelow	Huettner	Strass
Buelow, Paul/Jan	Jackson/Gorsuch	Straus
Byrd, Mark	Jaager/Paajanen	Suddeth
Carran, Polly/Frantom, Todd	Jones/Mudge	Tinsley
Carts/Addamiano-Carts	Jones, Sue	Wallace
Ciskowski	Kader/LeGrow	Weiman
Cohn/Witkin	Kagle	White, Jerry/Kelly
Cook	Keim	Williams
Cook-Deegan	Kirkup	
Dayton/Butler	Kistler/Sewell	
DeI Calvo/Lochen	Kline/Coley	
DeLeon/Glenn-Chase	Lago	
Ellena	Lapan	
Essex	Leventhal/Allen-Leventhal	
Evans	Livingston, Barb/Paul	
Evanson	Livingston, Sylvia/Eric	
Ferguson	Luedtke/Nagy	
Finger/Cox	Lynotte/Haeri	
Fishman	Miles	
Frazier/Curmally	Mitchell	
Garcia	Morales/Perez	
Gaumond	Naar/Heys	
George	Nelson/Tobin	
Gheen	Nelson	
Gillespie	Novack/St John	
Gladson	Palermo/Hartwig	
Goldstein/Teske	Palmateer/Raj	
Gould	Parker	
Gruwell	Pipitone/Truett	

Flyers and Additional Information

2025 OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES



MAY 4, MAY 11, SEPT. 7 & SEPT. 21
Moo-velous Milking Discoveries
 BEGINS AT 5 PM, UP TO 4 PEOPLE/SESSION



MAY 10 & JUNE 7
Wander the Wet Meadow
 BEGINS AT 8 PM, UP TO 10 PEOPLE/SESSION



JUNE 14 & JULY 19
Unfor-goat-able Adventures
 BEGINS AT 10 AM, UP TO 10 PEOPLE/SESSION



NOV. 15 & NOV. 16
Twilight Treats & Trails
 BEGINS AT 5:30 PM, UP TO 10 PEOPLE/SESSION



fergusonfoundation.org

CHRIST CHURCH ACCOKEEK PRESENTS

Family Folk Dance



03.21.25
 6-8 PM

600 Farmington Rd
 Accokeek MD



No experience req.
 All ages welcome!
 Concessions

MORE INFO: LISARTHACKER@GMAIL.COM



JAR JAM

Share jars you don't need; take ones you do

Save us from the landfill!



- Clean and save your empty glass jars
- Bring them down to the Jar Jam for others to use
- Take jars you can use

Saturday, 29 March 2025
 9AM to NOON

Moyaone Community Center
 2311 Bryan Point Rd
 Accokeek, MD 20607

Hot beverages and nibbles will be on offer.

3400 Bryan Point Rd, Accokeek MD 20607

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

SUPPORT PISCATAWAY PARK BY DONATING YOUR TIME

BECOME A STEWARD!

REGISTER ONLINE

ADULT AND CHILDREN AGES 10+ WELCOME. PLEASE VISIT ACCOKEEK.ORG/VOLUNTEER TO READ THE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

SHORELINE CLEAN UP

VISITOR CENTER

LIVESTOCK CARE

PARK MAINTANENCE

GARDEN CARE

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

BLUEBIRD MONITORING

FOREST SURVEYING

*MANY POSITIONS ARE SEASONAL

→ bit.ly/VolunteerWithAF



Community Pool Seeks Seasonal Pool Manager

Location: Moyaone Reserve, Accokeek, MD ([2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD](#))

Pay Rate: \$20+/hr, commensurate with pool management experience

Accepting applications through 3/30, or until position is filled

The Moyaone Pool is an outdoor, family-friendly community pool located in serene Piscataway National Park. The pool is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Work starts in May with limited hours to prepare the pool for opening and through the week after Labor Day, to winterize the pool. The Pool Manager is responsible for the overall operation of the pool, including maintaining pool chemistry and equipment, and managing staff, programming, finances, and administrative duties.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Recruit, train, supervise, and evaluate staff,
- Maintain water quality, proper disinfection, and water balance,
- Keep equipment in good working order and make minor repairs as needed,
- Provide a safe recreational environment and enforce pool rules,
- Comply with Prince George's County Health Department and state regulations,
- Purchase equipment and supplies,
- Maintain records of pool usage and maintenance,
- Ensure that all income and expenditures are accurately recorded,
- Coordinate camp visits and swim programs.

Requirements:

- Prince George's County Pool Operator's License valid at time of interview
- First aid/CPR/AED certifications
- Lifeguard certification
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Good problem-solving skills and the ability to troubleshoot problems
- Computer literacy, including Microsoft Office
- Background check

Send resume with qualifications, references, contact information, and salary requested to pool@moyaone.org.