

MOYAONE RESERVE @ PISCATAWAY PARK Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

#### April 2025

### **President's Note**

Can it be that next month is May and time for the Annual Meeting?! That means a whole year has passed since your current board consisting of me, Mike Nelson, Linda Witkin, Karen Heys and Holly Wagner came together to serve the Moyaone Association. I'd like to say thank you to my fellow board members, to the hard-working, dedicated and knowledgeable committee chairs and members, and to all the folks in this community that make the Association run as smoothly as it does and that make the Moyaone Reserve the special community that it is. You're the best!

Special shout outs this month go to:

- The Nominating Committee (Rose Kim, Robert Gruwell and Tina Shotwell) for working hard to recruit an excellent slate of officers to be voted on at the May 3 Annual Meeting. (And, thanks to those willing to serve!)
- The Fundraising Committee, co-chaired by Betty Mitchell and Nancy Weiman, who put together a delicious, well-attended Chili Cookoff on March 29. We have a lot of excellent cooks here in the Moyaone Reserve. The Moyaone Mashers, a local beer brewing club, served up some tasty brew, too.
- All community members who've paid their Consolidated Fees. We are a community. Our roads, our pool, our commonly-owned buildings and fields are all maintained with the funds we generate as a community. Thank you for investing in the Moyaone Reserve!

#### Two important notices:

- The Annual Meeting is May 3 at 3PM at the Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road. A special email will go out shortly with all the particulars, including agenda, December Budget Meeting minutes, proxy form, proposed slate of officers, and a special request for taking some funds from the Association's investment account.
- The Roads Committee has identified several long-standing problem spots along our roads. Repair costs are outside the scope of our regularly budgeted maintenance costs which generally include leaf blowing, grading, snow removal and other road improvement projects. How do we fund these major roads projects? The membership will be asked to vote on using money from the Association investment fund–money set aside for issues such as these–to fund these specific projects. Please read through the Roads Committee analysis of work to be done, either found elsewhere in this newsletter or in the Annual Meeting email, and be prepared to discuss at the May 3 Annual Meeting.

Finally, I'd like to urge everyone reading this article to think about how YOU can volunteer in this community. There are literally hundreds of tasks that need doing. Many require less than 4 hours to complete. Some require just a few hours each week or each month. Some require constant oversight. What are your talents? Where can you serve?

Paola Addamiano-Carts for the Moyaone Association Board

May 3 @ 300pm

Moyaone Association Annual Meeting with election of officers

# Upcoming Events

#### Monday Nights Red Beans and Rice Dinners

Nora Nelson's informal red beans and rice dinners continue on Monday evenings at 6:30pm (except 4/21). All Moyaoners are invited. See below for more details.

April 19- 27 National Park Week

April 19, 9am Pool cover removal! @2311 Bryan Point Road

April 19, 9am - 11am Potomac Conservancy's Earth Day Clean Up

April 19, 1-5 Accokeek Artists Alliance Cold Wax Workshop

April 24 Accokeek Artists Alliance members field trip to the Smithsonian Craft Show at the National Building Museum

April 26, 10am-12pm Accokeek Foundation Volunteer Open House @3400 Bryan Point Road

#### April 26, 9am-3pm

Moyaone Community Yard sale @2311 Bryan Point Road

#### April 26, doors at 6pm

The Homegrown Coffeehouse with Memphis Gold, Linwood Taylor and Steve Wolf at The Church Hall @ Christ Church, 600 Farmington Road

#### April 27, 8am - 11:30am

Accokeek Foundation SoMD Audubon Bird Walk @3400 Bryan Point Road

#### May (TBD)

Accokeek Foundation Invasive Plant Management Session @3400 Bryan Point Road

#### May 4

Accokeek Artists Alliance membership meeting and art sharing event at historic Bellvue Plantation

May 3, 3pm Moyaone Association Annual Meeting (Elections) @2311 Bryan Point Road

May 4 and May 11 Alice Ferguson Foundation Outdoor Experience Moo-velous Milking Discoveries @2001 Bryant Point Road

May 10

Homegrown Coffeehouse Ruthie and the Wranglers @600 Farmington Road

#### May 10 and June 7

Alice Ferguson Foundation Outdoor Experience Wander the Wet Meadow

#### May 17, 2pm on

Mayfest! Singing, Dancing, May Pole, plant sales, food and festivities @2311 Bryan Point Road

May 24, 11am Vegan Eating Group Bi-Monthly Potluck

May 24, 11:30am – 1pm Accokeek Foundation Shoreline Clean Up @3400 Bryan Point Road

June 21 Accokeek Artists Alliance shibori workshop

August

Accokeek Artists Alliance ink making workshop

## From the Association

#### Letter from the Editor

Happy April!

In addition to running late, this month's newsletter has an additional curveball: You should have gotten not one, but *two* Smoke Signals!

We're transitioning to using the Association's website for distribution– which means both a new format and a new email. If you received this text-based newsletter from <a href="mailto:news@Moyaone.org">news@Moyaone.org</a>, congratulations, you're set!

If you only see the pdf version of this email, please:

- Check your spam folder! Whitelist <u>news@moyone.org</u>, and, while you're there, whitelist all moyaone.org email addresses.
- If you don't see any of the emails in spam, reach out to <u>secretary@moyaone.org</u> to make sure that the email we have on file for you is correct.

As usual, if you have any questions, suggestions, or submissions for the newsletter, please send them to <a href="mailto:news@moyaone.org">news@moyaone.org</a>.

-Julia

#### Pool cover removal this weekend

In order to avoid an algae bloom, get the pool ready for inspection, and proceed with fixing the lights, we have to do it this weekend. If you can help, please email pool@moyaone.org. There are other general clean-up tasks as well.

#### Calling All Web Design Wizards!

Our community website, Moyaone.org, is due for a fresh look and better organization, and we need your help! If you have experience in website design, content and organization, we'd love to tap into your skills to create a more userfriendly and visually appealing online home for our community. We have some technical expertise on WordPress and are looking for an enthusiastic hobbyist or professional with design experience to help on the content side. Interested? Please contact news@moyaone.org to learn more about this volunteer opportunity. Together, we can build an engaging digital space that truly represents our vibrant community!

#### Tech-Savvy Neighbors Needed!

Are you the person friends call when their computer acts up? Our community is forming a small IT committee and we need your expertise! We're looking for volunteers with skills in email setup, website and server management, hosting, domain administration, or other technical areas. Help us strengthen our digital infrastructure while connecting with like-minded neighbors. No need to be a professional—enthusiastic amateurs welcome! Interested?

Contact IT@Moyaone.org to join our tech team. Let's build a more connected community together!

## From your Neighbors

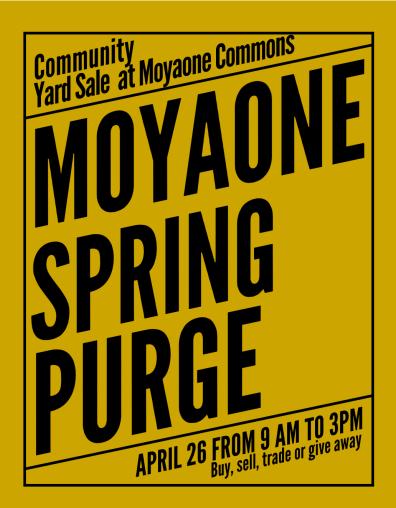
#### Moyaone Spring Purge

Make your spring cleaning more fun by joining the Moyaone Spring Purge, a community yard sale, on April 26. Bring your own tables / chairs to sell, trade or give away your wares, or swing by to browse other Moyaoners' treasures.

Moyaone's Welcome and Membership committee will provide coffee and donuts.

From 9 to 3 at Moyaone Commons, @2311 Bryan Point Road

We will arrange for a charity to come by to pick up anything you want to shed that goes unsold/unclaimed. (\*this is optional!)



#### Save the Date for Mayfest 5/17 from 2 pm on @2311 Bryan Point Road

Singing, Dancing, May Pole, plant sales, food and festivities. If you want to help plan and/or volunteer to help, please reach out to karen@karenheys.com or 301-832-5550.



Vegan Eating Group Bi-Monthly Potluck

We enjoyed a delicious variety of vegan dishes at the March VEG potluck, hosted by Sheryl Romeo and Matt Schwaller.

Join us for the May brunch potluck, Saturday May 24th at 11:00, at the home of Jeanie and Doug Ciskowski. Please RSVP (and/or to be added to the email list) to MoyaoneVEG@gmail.com



#### **Moving On**

After 50 wonderful years of living here on Hidden Valley Road, we will be moving on. Although it is not in prime condition to show yet, if you would like to see the home before it goes onto the multiple listing system, give us a call at 301-283-2161.

Brick rambler, with fully finished walkout basement. Four bedrooms 2 1/2 baths two car garage with woodworking shop with much lumber included, enclosed spa/hot tub room, sauna, hardwood floors, new 50 year roof, trampoline and playhouse. Beautiful paths through interesting terrain with deep ravines, a stream, some bridges and huge trees. Very quiet and isolated at end of a long driveway.

#### -Don Nelson

#### Monday Nights Red Beans and Rice dinners

During the month of April (except 4/21) I will continue having very informal red beans and rice dinners at my house on Steamboat Landing on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. 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.

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

-Nora Nelson

#### Kitties in need of homes





Rhoda is a sleek, lovely cat who has made great progress and now loves to be petted and scritched. She remains a little bit timid about being picked up or cuddled too closely, but she is making progress. She is very affectionate and

wants to be closer. Rhoda is very smart and curious. She plays with the stacked

windows.





Jinny is the only long-haired, fluffy cat in the litter. She grew faster than her siblings, and she has the large personality to match what appear to be her strong Maine Coon genes. She is bold, social, and talkative. She does not hesitate to ask for what she wants, and she doesn't mind being held. She was the first kitty to lean into me for cuddles and purring.

Jinny likes to be busy, and she very much wants a cat door that will allow her to go outside and play.













Louis is a handsome boy with a beautiful silver coat. He is a purring, cuddly boy who loves scritches and FOOD. He needs help to monitor his diet, because he will gladly finish anything his sisters don't. He is still a little bit nervous about being picked up, but he loves to lean and melt into you for scritches. Louis has a bed in the window and dreams of going outside.







Clarissa

Clarissa is playful and energetic. She LOVES the cat wand and is the most active kitty in the game. She also loves the cat tree and has claimed the perch on the very top. She comes every night for petting and loves to burrow under the covers.



# From our Partners

### Homegrown Coffeehouse

April 26th, A special evening of Red Hot Blues. The Homegrown Coffeehouse\* presents Memphis Gold, Linwood Taylor and Steve Wolf.

\*THE HOMEGROWN COFFEEHOUSE IS BACK: NEW LOCATION The Church Hall, Christ Church, 600 Farmington Rd, Accokeek, MD



A special evening of Red Hot Blues music with three of the most respected blues masters in the Mid-Atlantic region: Livingston Taylor, Steve Wolf and Memphis Gold.

Date: April 26

Admission/suggested donation: \$25. Doors open: 6 PM; lite supper (homemade soups, bread, and desserts) available 6-7:30, desserts/tea and coffee. Music:

7:15-7:45 Opening Act: TBA

7:45-9:45PM: Linwood Taylor, Steve Wolf and Memphis Gold. For more information write: lynn@lynnhollyfield.com

Washington native & veteran blues guitarist, LINWOOD LEE TAYLOR has performed & toured internationally, fronted his own band and did an around the world, two-year stint with the Joe Lewis Walker band. Linwood performed on stage with some of the biggest names in blues: Albert Collins, Lonnie Mack, and Eddie Kirkland to name just a few. His discography includes a number of his own CDs, as well as numerous cuts on various blues compilation albums. Linwood was featured on the cover of Washington Post Magazine in their story highlighting the Year of the Blues, and he was once honored in Living Blues Magazine as one of the Top 40 Under 40 blues guitarists.

Bassist STEVE WOLF has been a fixture on the Washington music scene since the late 60s. During that time he has performed throughout the United States and Europe with such D.C. area notables as Danny Gatton, Tom Principato, Phil Wiggins, The Nighthawks, Catfish Hodge, Deanna Bogart, Bob Margolin, Big Joe Maher, and a diverse group of national artists ranging from Chuck Berry, The Coasters and Bo Diddly to Doctor John, Brian Auger and Springsteen sax man Clarence Clemons. His well respected work in the blues arena has led him to back Chicago blues legends Sunnyland Slim, Pine Top Perkins, Charlie Musselwhite, Guitar Junior (Luther Johnson), and many others.

This special concert will also feature the music of MEMPHIS GOLD, who has graced the cover of numerous blues and music publications, and has shared this uniquely American art form with audiences around the world. In this time of musical fads and gimmicks, his music is real and heartfelt. Here's how the British publication "Blues & Rhythm" describes him: "Memphis Gold stands with one foot in the past and one foot in the present...[he] could be one of the youngest (and one of the last) to have picked cotton on the Dockery and Stovall plantations. Appreciative of his roots, yet too young to be completely anchored in the past, his original music moves forward with funky rhythms, odd chord changes and structures, and his own idiosyncratic view of life.

"www.MemphisGoldblues.com

"Enjoy real blues music from America's heartland with award winning artist Memphis Gold"

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The Accokeek Artists Alliance has a busy April planned with a Painting with Cold Wax workshop with Daniel Wise scheduled for April 19 from 1-5 at the Wagner Center and a field trip for members to the Smithsonian Craft Show at the National Building Museum on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Looking ahead, we will have a membership meeting and art sharing event at historic Bellevue Plantation on May 4<sup>th</sup> and a shibori workshop with Peggy Reichard on June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will close out the summer with an ink-making workshop with Candace Bigelow in August. Anyone can join this active group and get in on the fun at <u>https://www.accokeekartistsalliance.com</u>







Summer is just around the corner and there's no better place to be than in nature! Spaces are filling quickly for our Summer Adventure Camp, featuring five fun-filled weeks of exploring the great outdoors, hands-on activities, and meeting new friends.

> Weekly Day and Overnight sessions from July 7 – August 8, 2025
> Nature-based themes for ages 4–13, and memories that will last a lifetime!

Let's make this summer an unforgettable one! >>> <u>Sign up here</u>! <<< AFF Members receive a camp discount.

#### Stovall Outdoor Scholarship Fund

Mikey Stovall tragically lost his life in the American Airlines Flight 5342 accident January 29, 2025, leaving behind his wife Ashleigh, an educator here at the Alice Ferguson Foundation, and their son, Jake. In memory of Mikey and his passion for the outdoors, we are establishing this fund to underwrite outdoor experiences for other young Southern Marylanders who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate. If you would like to contribute to the Stovall Outdoor Scholarship Fund, please <u>donate</u> here.

#### Become a Member of the Alice Ferguson Foundation



Join our member community, featuring five tiers with exclusive discounts and access to visit our beautiful property. Hard Bargain Farm is the perfect place to spend quality time in the great outdoors and make unforgettable family memories that will last a lifetime.

Beginning this May! Our Outdoor Experience Package features unique experiences in nature every season - cow milking, night hikes, birding, and more!

Scan the QR code or visit fergusonfoundation.org/membership to join the AFF family!





#### Accokeek Volunteer Open House

Saturday, April 26, 10am – noon Meet at the Accokeek Education Building

Interested in volunteering with the Accokeek Foundation in Piscataway Park? Join us on Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to noon 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.

#### Spring into Birding: A Walk on the Boardwalk

Group Leaders: Lynne Wheeler and Pam Brumbley Sunday, April 27, 8-11:30am

Join us for a bird walk on the Marsh Boardwalk at Piscataway Park. This is a beautiful and easy walk on a boardwalk that traverses tidal marshland along the Potomac River. It is approximately a 1.6 mile out-and-back trail. On the walk we should see migratory birds and other avian species such as Red-headed Woodpeckers and Great Blue Herons along the marsh, gull species on the Potomac River, and field species. Bald Eagles and raptors are prevalent.

RSVP to Lynne Wheeler at somdaudubon@yahoo.com or text 301-751-8097

#### **Bluebird Monitoring**

We will begin bluebird monitoring again this year! This is a recurring volunteer position with a limited number of slots for volunteers. We are looking for another monthly volunteer to join our small cohort of other bluebird monitor volunteers. Monitors will assign themselves a day each week of the bluebird season to take care of our bluebird nestboxes and collect data on the bluebirds. The season typically begins in March and ends in November. Folks interested in volunteering as a bluebird nestbox monitor should complete the volunteer interest survey and/or email Pam Brumbley directly at pbrumbley@accokeek.org.

#### **Calling all Green Thumbs Volunteers!**

Garden volunteer sessions have begun again for the season. Spring hours are 9am-11am every Friday. Interested folks should complete the volunteer interest survey and be ready to schedule an orientation to get you started.

#### Volunteer with the Park Maintenance Crew

Our Maintenance crew is looking for a couple extra sets of hands to help out around the park. We are looking for folks to volunteer at the park and offer the following skills: - Auto mechanics (especially diesel mechanics)

- Carpentry
- Woodworking
- Fence Building
- Custodial Assistance

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering with our Park Maintenance crew, please be sure to complete the volunteer interest form and indicate what skills you would like to offer! Volunteer schedules can be flexible.

#### **Plant Surveying**

We are kicking off this year with the intention to make this a big surveying year here at the park! We have added another opportunity for volunteers to help us out and have decided to start offering plant surveying sessions.

We are going to do our best to do as much plant surveying as we can on site, and we will need your help to make it happen! We want to know what exactly is growing, where, and in what quantities, so we can then determine what kind of care each part of thepark is in need of. Collecting this data will also help us see how land changes over a long period of time. This data will help us create our burn plan for prescribed burns which we plan to start doing at the park in the coming years.

We plan to also include SAV (submerged aquatic vegetation) in this program as well. If you are interested in learning more about SAV or SAV monitoring, please click here to read more about the inspiring work the Chesapeake Bay Program is doing. We plan to offer SAV

monitoring opportunities at the park in the future. We will notify all volunteers of our upcoming plant surveying and SAV monitoring dates as soon as possible. Stay tuned! If you are someone who has experience surveying plants and have any suggestions or ideas you'd like to share with us, please let us know by emailing nativeplantsquadd@accokeek.org or rharley@accokeek.org.

#### Updates from the Accokeek Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team at Accokeek is currently comprised of seven people who play a key role in tending the land and park. You can read more about each of us here on the website. Our team is split up into smaller teams who focus on stewarding different parts of the park: the natural resource duo, our horticulturalist, our livestock assistant, and the park maintenance duo.

#### Potable Water Project at Piscataway Park

Good news: we are getting our water restored to all our facilities!! Bad news: we do not know when the project will be complete. While visiting, you may notice small colored flags or spray-painted marks throughout the park and farm. Construction crews will be on-site and there may be significant ground disturbances and possible interruptions to restroom facilities during the project. The Foundation is committed to maintaining as much access to park facilities as possible throughout the construction timeframe.

Upon project completion (which was expected to be in late March 2025), potable water will be restored to the visitor center and administration building, and the Visitor Center restrooms will have running water again. Unfortunately, the project will be on a pause until further notice. Thank you all for your patience.

#### Livestock Sales

We have heritage livestock for sale! We are shrinking our herd sizes a little bit to accommodate the workload for our staff and the health of the pastures we are working with. Currently, some of our Milking Devon cows, some Hog Island sheep rams, and Spanish goats (both bucks and a few does) are for sale. If you or someone you know is interested, please call or email Risharda Harley (Stewardship Director) at 301-283-2113 ext. 408 or rharley@accokeek.org for more information. We encourage folks to come visit the animals here at the park and say hello before they head to their next destination.



### Paid Dues

Thank you to those who have paid their FY2025 Consolidated Fees.

This list serves as a receipt of sorts, as of March 31, 2025. Those who've asked to be anonymous and those making donations only have been omitted from the roster. If you believe your name was omitted in error, please contact the Comptroller. Also, apologies in advance for any misspellings. Thank you for fueling the Moyaone Association member-approved budget!

Moyaone Association Members Abernethy, Tom & Debbie Abdull-Haqq, Asmaa & Roger Brul Aills, Chris Allen, Gary & Candace Allen, Stephen & Kimberly Architzel, Mike & Emily Canavan Anderson, Cliff & Tatiana Aperans, Aleks & Sarah Calle Aune, Scott Barrera, Josue & Gloria Bell, Matt & Karen Bennett, Thann & Brooke Bigelow, Walter & Candy Buelow, Paul & Jan Burke, Rosemary Campbell, Mike Canavan, Kelly Carts, Marty & Paola Addamiano-Carts Carran, Polly & Todd Frantom Cirillo, Marti Ciskowski, Douglas & Jeanie (Paula) Cohen, Francine Cohn, Michael & Linda Witkin Cook, Kerry Cook-Deegan, Bob & Kathryn Cremer, David Cruz, Marc Dayton, Soren & Amanda Butler Del Calvo, Marina & Sebastian Lochen DeLeon, Frank & Amity Glenn-Chase Ellena, Laura & Jake Essex, Rosemarie Evans, Jon & Alix Evanson, Liz Faull, Jonathan & Valerie Volcovici Finger, James & Carol Cox Fishman, Daniel & Eleanor Frazier, Eric & Atiyah Curmally Garcia, Tom & Crystal Gaudet, Liz & Katie Young Gaumond, Charlie & Ruth George, Cliff Gillespie, Jon & Sarah Gillespie, Laura Gladson, Judy Gheen, Bobby & Kelly Goldstein, Jan & SteveTeske Gould, Jane Gruwell, Rob & Milena Hanson, Rhonda Hansz, David & Tanya Surtees Haucke, Hans Hattaway, Doug & Jeff Trigillo Hibben, Kent & Kristen Cibelli Hodavance, Warren & Meredith Murray Hollyfield, John & Lynn Huettner, Hugh & Kristy Jackson, J & Linda Gorsuch Jagger, Bobby & Julia Paajanen Jephson, Erin & Austin Jones, Guy & Jennifer Mudge Jones, Sue

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