

Smoke Signal



MOYAONE
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

MOYAONE RESERVE @ PISCATAWAY PARK

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

July 2025

President's Message

A happy 4th of July to everyone. As we are one year away from our country's 250th anniversary, I hope people are celebrating our patriotism and freedom through parades, fireworks, barbeques and other festive activities. Speaking of festive activities, I hope you can attend the Moyaone pizza oven potluck at the Commons starting at 5pm on July 4th. Bring pizza makings or something to grill and a side dish to share.

An update on roads, as I know it's top of mind. Two factors have played into the regular maintenance schedule: 1) the retirement of our long-term operator and 2) the weather. Unfortunately, with our old grader machine, it has been hard to find skilled people who know how to operate it (and to work within our budget). It took awhile, but we have found a new operator who is being trained on our equipment and has been doing great. We look to move forward with his services while also exploring backup options. He's been busy the last two weeks grading many of the roads with just a few roads left to be addressed, in the near term, weather dependent. Which leads me to the second challenge: with so much rain this Spring and early Summer we've had limited days to manage the poor conditions of the roads. When the roads have been too wet to grade, the roads crew has been focused on clearing ditches and drainages to ensure the water has a way to escape. As for what road gets done when - those in greatest needs are done first. Then we need to think holistically about the aging grader. The roads crew will systematically think through the neighborhoods to reduce unnecessary transits to/from the Commons. This reduces wear on the machine and saves operator time, both cost saving measures. I know it's been frustrating, but I hope this gives you some context and a plan moving forward. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to reach out (president@moyaone.org).

Community Partner Engagements

Water Storage Tank:

As wildfires are a constant threat in our area, The Moyaone Association and the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) are working towards approval of the installation of a 35k gallon water storage tank down near the Commons (on AFF property). Most of our properties are served by well water and not near a public fire hydrant, making it more difficult for firefighters to quickly refill their tanker trucks. This increases the risk of harm to our homes and surrounding woodlands. Our goal is to mitigate this risk by the installation of the water storage tank through this project. PG County Fire/EMS and the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department would access the water tank through the Commons parking lot. The project application has been approved and is currently waiting to be heard and approved by the Planning Board. Once approved the necessary permits will be applied for. This project is fully funded by Prince George's County and will most likely be the Fall for installation.

Footbridge:

After an unusual dry season last year, the exceptionally rainy 2025 has brought unintended consequences, one being a 'water stream' along our field behind the pavilion at the Commons. The ground has become so saturated that it makes it difficult to walk through (either by our residents playing near the playhouse or AFF campers going down to the boardwalk) or get a lawn mower to the other side of the field.

Alice Ferguson Foundation has identified a grant from Sustainable Maryland, in partnership with Pepco, that supports environmental stewardships. With a letter of support from the Moyaone Association, if the grant is awarded, we will be able to build a footbridge across the wetland ensuring safe foot traffic and lawn mowing ability. The footbridge would be fully covered by the grant. We'll keep you posted as the review process progresses.

I hope this gives you a little background of all the hard work our fellow residents are doing for the greater community. If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions please reach out.

Karen Bell
Moyaone President

Upcoming Events

June 6-July 9

Mattawoman Creek Art Center "Go Fish!" show

July 2- July 30

Wednesdays 1030-11am

Storytime with the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park (details below)

July 3, 815pm

Water aerobics demo lesson (details below)

July 4

Community Potluck @ the Wagner Center (2311 Bryan Point Rd.)(flyer below)

July 7-August 8

Summer Adventure Camp at Hard Bargain Farm

July 8

water aerobics class starts (details below)

July 9, 1030-11am

Storytime with the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park (details below)

July 9, 6:30 (socializing), 7pm (meeting)

Moyaone Association Board Meeting (2311 Bryan Point Rd.)

July 13

Vegan Eating Group Potluck (details below)

July 14, noon

Charles County Youth Orchestra Concert with "Instrument Petting Zoo"

@ ArtsFest, Village Green in Indian Head

July 16, 1030-11am

Storytime with the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park (details below)

July 19

Shoreline Clean Up with the Accokeek Foundation

July 19, 10am

Unfor-goat-able Adventures

@ Hard Bargain Farm (details below)

July 19, 4pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Festival Concert

@ Christ Church, La Plata

July 20

Invasive Plant Management with the Accokeek Foundation

July 20, 4pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Festival Concert
@ Christ Church, La Plata

July 23, 1030-11am

Storytime with the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park (details below)

July 25, 730pm

Sip & Stroll: A Perfect Evening with Neighbors! (details below)

July 26, 4pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Festival Concert
@ Christ Church, La Plata

July 27, 4pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Festival Concert
@ Christ Church, La Plata

July 30, 1030-11am

Storytime with the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park (details below)

August 2

Shoreline Clean Up with the Accokeek Foundation

August 3

Invasive Plant Management with the Accokeek Foundation

August 9

Outdoor Movie Night Under the Stars @ Moyaone Commons Field (details below)

August 16

Accokeek Artists Alliance Natural Inks workshop(registrationopen)

September 13, 9am-2pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra auditions
@ Christ Church, La Plata

September 21

Accokeek Artists Alliance general meeting

October 4

Pinot on the Potomac (details coming soon)

October 18

Accokeek Artists Alliance wreath-making workshop (registration open)

From the Association

Welcome & Membership Event

Sip & Stroll: A Perfect Evening with Neighbors! July 25th at 7:30PM

Get ready to unwind and connect at our upcoming Sip & Stroll event! Join new and familiar faces for a delightful evening of conversation, a glass of wine, and a beautiful sunset stroll along the newly refurbished boardwalk path. It's the perfect opportunity to meet neighbors, enjoy the evening air, and celebrate our wonderful community. We can't wait to see you there!

Outdoor Movie Night Under the Stars!

Saturday, August 9 - Moyaone Commons Field

Get ready for a magical night outdoors! Our community is hosting an Outdoor Movie Night soon, and everyone's invited. Bring your comfiest chairs and blankets, pack your favorite beverages, and get ready to enjoy a fantastic film under the stars. We'll have limited concessions available, so feel free to bring your own snacks too! The movie will start at dark, and we'll announce the movie title soon, so keep an eye out for updates. It's going to be a perfect evening for the whole family!

Help Wanted for Buildings and Grounds

Wanted; someone to organize the trimming (weed whacking)of the Moyaone Commons. The job would require the person to organize volunteers to weed whack and trim mow around the entire grounds. To include the; septic field, playground, parking lot, picnic area, entrance, outside perimeter of the pool and behind the Wagner building. Please contact: John Hollyfield at

Buildings@moyaone.org

Fundraising Committee Report

In spite of the rain, Cocktails by the Pool was a great success. Everyone had fun. We received several comments about how good the food and special drinks were. Special thanks to Joe & Alisha for providing the music. Many commented about the good selection. Also, many thanks to committee members' spouses for great dedication to make this possible. The total profit was \$942.51, which will support the facelift to the women's restroom. Not bad, considering that the rainy weather appears to have dissuaded some of those who had expected to pay at

the door. In the future, we will have more roof coverings, to be ready for any type of weather.

Great news to share: We welcomed Amity, Julia & Shannon, three new committee members who are ready to work as hard as the rest of the volunteers.

Looking ahead...

Two dates that you should place on your calendar.

1. Our annual Chili Cook-Of event is scheduled for March 7, 2026.
2. Our bi-annual Moyaone House Tour event is scheduled for April 25, 2026. We will be seeking volunteers to show off your houses or serve as docents.

Finally, this fall we are planning on having a Fun Party, not a fundraising party. Pre-registration will be required, but it will be free of charge. More to come. Date TBD

Betty Mitchell
co-chair Fundraising Committee

From your Neighbors

Vegan Eating Group July Potluck



"Uprooted"
Watercolor by Frances Taylor

Vegan Eating Group Bi-Monthly Potluck



Join us for the next vegan potluck at the home of Sheryl Romeo and Matt Schwaller on Sunday July 13th at 11am. Contact us at MoyaoneVEG@gmail.com to RSVP and/or to join our mailing list.

Table Top Games Group

Table Top Gaming is alive and well in the Moyaone. We tend to plan a gathering a couple of weeks out. Send an email to Doug Ciskowski at dciskowski@yahoo.com to get in on the action.

From our Partners



All the participants in the Accokeek Artists Alliance's shibori workshop graduated with honors! The group had a blast dying fabric items with natural dyes using traditional Japanese resist techniques. The results were fantastic. If you are sorry to have missed out, slots remain for the ink making workshop on August 15 with Candace Bigelow and registration for a Fall wreath making workshop with the amazing florist Patrick Heydt on October 18th is now open. Our next general meeting, which will involve sharing and swapping, will be on September 21st. Join us or sign up for a workshop on our website at accokeekartistsalliance.com.





Join us for Unfor-goat-able Adventures



Our goats are some of the friendliest on the eastern seaboard – especially if you have treats! Spend some time hanging out with our lovable four-legged Ball family – Goofball, Snowball, Gumball, and Lucile Ball – and meet the team that takes care of our furry friends and their home. Laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories await!

> Session Info: July 19, beginning at 10 AM - Only 5 tickets left!

These hands-on experiences make wonderful gifts! Perfect for families, nature lovers, and anyone looking to explore all that nature has to offer.

>>> [Book your adventure here!](#) <<<

Pinot on the Potomac Ticket on sale soon!



Save the Date

Pinot on the Potomac
Saturday, October 4, 2025

Now is the pour-fect time to save the date for our Pinot on the Potomac on October 4, 2025! Join us for a fall afternoon and raise a glass to fine Maryland wines, good company, and supporting a cause close to our hearts. Stay tuned for more details!

Seeking Local Rentals for AFF Staff

Do you have a rental property, a private space in your home or an available unit in the area? The Alice Ferguson Foundation has team members - full-time, part-time and seasonal - looking for housing nearby. If you'd like to share your rental listing with us, send us an email at info@fergusonfoundation.org and we'd be happy to pass it along to our staff.



ACCOKEEK
FOUNDATION
at Piscataway Park



SUMMER AT ACCOKEEK

6/1

Community Invasive Education Day

6/21

Shoreline Clean Up

6/22

Shoreline Clean Up

7/19

Shoreline Clean Up

7/20

Invasive Plant Management

8/2

Shoreline Clean Up

8/3

Invasive Plant Management

WANT TO GET INVOLVED AT PISCATAWAY PARK?

Become an Accokeek steward! Submit the volunteer interest form to join the team at bit.ly/VolunteerWithAF. Any questions should be emailed to us at Nativeplantsquadd@accokeek.org

linktr.ee/AccokeekFoundation

accokeek.org/event-list



**Chamber Music Performances featuring CCYO Chamber Music Festival
Participants and Faculty**

July 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 4:00 p.m.

To Be Held At
Christ Church
112 Charles Street
La Plata, MD

Charles County Youth Orchestra's Chamber Music Festival 2025 will host four, free, family-friendly concerts at Christ Church, La Plata on July 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 4 PM.

CCYO Chamber Music faculty will perform on July 19 and 26, while students will showcase their talents on July 20 and 27.

This series of summer concerts promises to showcase not only the remarkable growth of the festival's participants, but also the vibrant sense of community fostered through music. Audiences can expect intimate performances in the historic sanctuary of Christ Church, where the acoustics and atmosphere perfectly complement the artistry on display. Each afternoon will highlight a different mix of chamber works, offering new surprises and musical delights for concertgoers of all ages. Whether you are a longtime supporter of CCYO or discovering the ensemble for the first time, the Chamber Music Festival concerts invite you to experience the inspiring talents of the next generation of musicians alongside the seasoned guidance of their directors.

According to Dr. Osman Kivrak, Director of CCYO, "Participating in CCYO and chamber music helps students develop good working habits: teamwork, social and emotional skills, discipline and perseverance while having fun performing great works of composers from all around the world."

Auditions for CCYO's next season will take place on September 13 from 9 AM to 2 PM at Christ Church, La Plata. All levels and instruments, except piano, are invited to audition. Audition requirements and sign-ups are available at

<https://www.charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/auditions>

Flyers



MOYAONE RESERVE



**COMMUNITY
POTLUCK**

**GRILL AND PIZZA OVEN WILL BE
READY TO USE AROUND 5PM**

PAPER PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED

**BRING PIZZA MAKINGS OR
SOMETHING TO GRILL &
A SIDEDISH TO SHARE**



**Moyaone Community Center
2311 Bryan Point Rd
Accokeek, MD 20607**

Sip and Stroll

Hosted by
Welcome &
Membership

JULY 25TH

7:30PM

Meet Up @ Commons

Sip

Stroll to Boardwalk

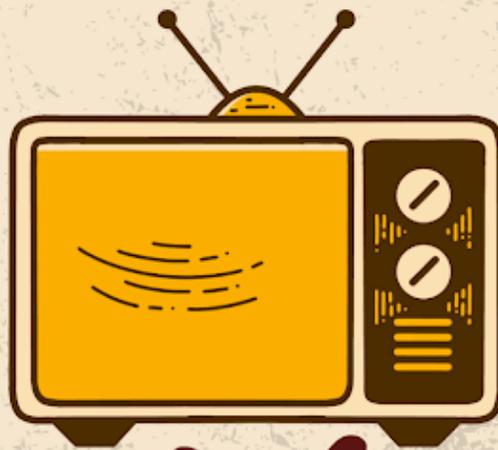


CCYO CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERTS

July 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 4 PM
Christ Church, 112 Charles St., La Plata
All concerts are free!



Moyaone Community



Outdoor

Movie Night



★ Saturday August 9th

Movie starts @ Dark

Limited Concessions



BYOB - ALL are welcome!

Water Aerobics

Free Demonstration Class

July 3 at 8:15 pm



Class Begins July 8

***8:15-9:00 pm Tuesdays &
Thursdays***

***\$140 for a series of 8 Classes,
payable in advance***

Walk-ins \$20

***Classes will be taught by
Cassandra Barnes***

***Sandy is a water aerobics and aqua-fitness instructor at
MNCPPC***