

Smoke Signal



MOYAONE
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

MOYAONE RESERVE @ PISCATAWAY PARK

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

November 2025

President's Message

Happy November and the start of the holiday season. There are many holiday events listed below in the calendar section below. Make sure to take note of the festivities.

I hope everyone is acclimating well to the end of daylight savings and using the extra hour wisely. While the early sunrises make it easier to start the day, please stay safe walking your leashed pets (or yourself) down our roads in the early dark evenings.

Please mark your calendars! **Saturday, December 6th at 3 pm** is our annual Moyaone Association (MA) membership meeting to vote on the proposed MAFY2026 budget. Details of the meeting, including proxy forms, May 2025 MA Membership meeting minutes, meeting agenda, and the proposed budget, will be emailed out before Thanksgiving. Proposed additions to the agenda should be submitted to the Moyaone Board Association President (president@moyaone.org).

-Karen Bell, President

Upcoming Events

The next Moyaone Association Board and committee chair meeting is November 6th at 6:30p.

October 11- November 23

Smithsonian Institution's *SPARK! Places of Innovation* traveling exhibition @ the Accokeek Foundation

November 8, 5-8pm

Moyaone Mixer by the Moyaone Building and Grounds and Fundraising Committees (details below)

November 15 & 16, 5:30pm

AFF Twilight Treats & Trails (details below)

November 15-December 14

AF slots available for holiday photos with barnyard friends (details below)

November 14, 2-3p

Indigenous Tales Story Time with the Accokeek Foundation (details below)

November 19, 7pm

GACA general membership meeting @ Accokeek Volunteer Fire Hall, 16111 Livingston Road (additional details below)

November 22

[Christ Church Accokeek 100th Annual Ham and Oyster Dinner](#) (12-6pm)

featuring **[the Moyaone Weihnachtsmarkt Makers](#)** (10am-4pm)

@ Christ Church Accokeek's parish hall on 600 Farmington Rd W.

November 21, 3-8pm

November 22, 1-6pm

[AAA Winter Market](#) @ 2311 Bryan Point Rd

November 27, 8:30am

13th Annual Moyaone Turkey Trot @ the Moyaone Commons, 2311 Bryan Point Road

December 5, 7pm

[Messiah Sing-Along Concert with Charles County Youth Orchestra](#) @ Christ Church, La Plata

December 6, 3pm

Moyaone Association 2026 budget meeting @ 2311 Bryan Point Rd

December 13th, 4-8pm

AF Winter's Night Under the Stars (details below)

December 14

AAA Sip 'n' Share meeting and optional cookie exchange

December 14

AFF Member Holiday Party (details below)

January 10

AAA felting workshop

January 16

AAA Maker's Meetup

February 1, 2026

Alice Ferguson Foundation Member meeting

From the Association

Beyond your front door

On October 21st the Prince George's Council, sitting as the District Council, heard the appeal by members of the community in opposition to the proposed Signature Club East project (CSP-23002) that had received approval by the Prince George's Planning Board for its conceptual plan. This project proposes 7 multistory (3 to 5 stories) apartment buildings and 3 multistory commercial buildings. The District Council on a 7 - 0 vote, with 4 Council members absent from the meeting, remanded this project back to the Planning Department and recommended that the developer work with the community to try to overcome the major neighborhood objections to this proposed project. This remanding will cause a delay for the developer and can be viewed as a victory for the community. It is hard to see how a compromise can be achieved, since this proposed 300 unit apartment complex is without precedent for Accokeek — we have no apartments in Accokeek, just single family homes and some townhouses. The concern is not about having renters in our area, but about not having multistory apartment buildings. If allowed, a project of this scale and size will begin the decline of our current (and historical) physical and visual community understanding as a semi-rural area. No new community meeting with the developer has been set-up, nor has any meeting on this project been scheduled with the Planning Board. Watch this space for any upcoming actions.

The Morton Farm proposed development (148 single family homes on an 84 acre property directly across from the Accokeek Post Office on Livingston Road, S-24001 & 4-22067) has gone through a staff review with the Prince George's County Planning Department. From what I can ascertain from their website, it was viewed favorably and approved at a staff level. It is tentatively scheduled for the December 18th Planning Board meeting. More information will follow as available. In the meantime, go to the PG Planning Board website and sign up to be a person of record so you can get information on this project as it becomes

available and to be able to make public comments on this project on December 18 if you choose.

-Michael Leventhal

Come to the Moyaone Mixer – Free!

NOVEMBER 8, 2025 5-8 pm

Brought to you by the Building and Grounds Committee and the Fundraising Committee

What: Moyaone Mixer and hot dog roast

When: November 8, 2025, 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Where: The Moyaone Commons

Sponsor: the Moyaone Fundraising Committee and Building and Grounds Committee

Cost: FREE. FREE. FREE. FREE

Description: Join the Community - All residents, newer, older, and in between, to mix with fun, food, and drinks! A scavenger hunt with prizes will be held!

Come to the Moyaone Commons to meet and greet your neighbors for cocktails, beer, wine, or sparkling Water. We will provide the beverages, hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, and hot dogs (vegan options available!). We will have the fire pit ablaze and the charcoal grill grilling.

Kids are welcome!

13th Annual Moyaone Thanksgiving Day 5K-ish Turkey Trot



November 27, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Meet at the Moyaone Commons

2311 Bryan Point Road

Walk or run with your family, neighbors, friends, guests, dogs from the Moyaone Commons down Bryans Point Road, through the National Colonial Park Connector and Black Berry trails, and return.

Join us for a cup of apple cider before heading home
Fair weather only ... If raining Trot will not be held

Click here to download a jpg of the Turkey Trot Trail Map:

https://bit.ly/moyaone_tt_2024

T Shirt Orders

Please reach out to Kent Hibben at publicaffairs@moyaone.org if you are interested in a Moyaone Tree T shirt.

Pulse of the Pool

Did you know that on average it costs \$90,000 to hire a pool management company to run a community pool? That figure covers staffing and licensing/permits, but does not include expenses such as chemicals, insurance, water delivery, and repairs and maintenance.

Don't ask how, but bygone we did it again! Another successful pool season closes.

Humongous thanks to the 2025 Pool Committee members as well as our stalwart work party volunteers (you know who you are) for making this season possible. We are all volunteers who appreciate the unique character of the Moyaone Reserve and the important asset the community pool is to all of us. The 2025 Pool Committee is Linda Gorsuch; Ben Grenoble; Rhonda Hanson; Heather Harl; Lindsay Laws; John Mitchell; JR Rudzis; Hsin-I Russell; Tina Shotwell; and Nancy Weiman.

Special recognition to **Nancy Weiman, Rhonda Hanson and John Mitchell** who again stepped up and assisted with the pool's operations, especially during early morning swim. Thanks also to Nancy for facilitating the purchase of and to **Chris Aills** for installing the new baby wading pool cover. Last but not least, thanks to **John Hollyfield** and **Marc Cruz** for handling the maintenance issues and technical aspects of the pool's pump room.

This December we will be asking the Association to make some important decisions about the pool. Our facility is getting a refresh but we have other needs that have been deferred. The major pool items to be considered are (from high to low): a custom cover for the main pool; a new pool pump; and a pool

vacuum. The Pool Committee is acquiring quotes for the December budget meeting. Save the date and join us for the Moyaone Association's Budget meeting on the first Saturday in December.

We welcome Marc Cruz and Warren Weber to the 2026 Pool Committee. And we want YOU! If you have any suggestions or see areas for improvement, please reach out to any Board or Pool Committee member to arrange a time to discuss. We are also recruiting 2026 Pool Committee members. The Pool Committee meets the third Monday monthly at 6 p.m. between the months of February and October. If you are interested in joining the 2026 Pool Committee and helping to formulate these policies, please email pool@moyaone.org and signal your area of interest.

From your Neighbors

Calling all Gamers

The Table Top Games group is still meeting monthly. We meet once a month to play various games and are considering adding a second day to play a role-playing game such as D&D. We schedule about two weeks ahead of time so contact Doug Ciskowski at Dciskowski@yahoo.com if you want to be included.



The eagerly anticipated Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) Winter Market comes this month!!! All kinds of art produced by our members will be for sale on Friday, November 21, from 3 until 8 and on Saturday, November 22, from 1 until 6 at the Wagner Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road in Accokeek. The fun also includes a Silent Auction and a reception from 4 until 6 on Saturday. Potential bargains

abound at the Silent Auction, which will end at 5:30 pm on Saturday. We hope everyone will stop by!!!

In other news, AAA had a hugely successful wreath making workshop on October 18th. All participants took home stunning wreaths.

We have scheduled another “Sip ‘n’ Share” meeting for December 14th, with an optional cookie exchange component. There will be a felting workshop with Katrina Mullins on January 10 and a “Maker’s Meetup” on January 16th. To join AAA, register for a workshop, or find out more about us, check out our website at accokeekartistsalliance.com.



The Accokeek Foundation will soon be decking the stalls for the holiday season! This year, community members will have the chance to take holiday photos with barnyard friends on weekends from November 15 - December 14 (with the exception of November 30th).

It will be \$20 for a 20-minute time slot to pose with one of our animals for holiday photos in the barn. Time slots will be available from 10:30 am - 12:00pm all weekends and also 1:00 - 2:30pm in December. Keep an eye out for additional registration details on our social media! Please contact charlow@accokeek.org with any questions.

Winter's Night Under the Stars (December 13th, 4-8pm)

Join the Accokeek Foundation Education Team and the Howard B. Owens Science Center’s Patricia “Planetarium Patty” Seaton for a night of stories, activities, and a program under the stars! See the attached [flyer](#) for more details on the program on December 13th.

Indigenous Tales Story Time with the Accokeek Foundation (November 14, 2-3pm)

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a special storytelling program presented by the Accokeek Foundation! This storytelling program will be held at the Charles County Public Library - Waldorf West Branch. Learn more here:

<https://ccplonline.libnet.info/event/14513919>

Accokeek Foundation Wants Your Acorns!

The Stewardship team at the Accokeek Foundation at Piscataway Park is calling on our neighbors in the Moyoan community to donate their acorns to us! We have multiple purposes for any unwanted acorns. If you have any you would like to donate, please drop them off at the front desk at the visitor center Wednesday-Sunday 10am- 4pm or email vproctor@accokeek.org or volunteers@accokeek.org if you would like to donate them to us outside of that time frame. If possible, please specify what kind of oak tree you got the acorns from (this is not required, though it would be helpful for us. If you are unsure what kind of oak tree they came from, we welcome any clues like a leaf from the tree to help us identify the tree). Please email the address above if you have any questions or concerns. *Wanishi* (thank you in Piscataway)!



Many Thanks from the Alice Ferguson Foundation!

We're so grateful for our neighbors in the Moyaone community! Whether you helped clean up the Potomac shoreline, joined us for camp adventures, or raised a glass with us at Pinot on the Potomac, your generosity keeps our mission growing. Thanks to you, thousands of children are exploring the natural spaces that make our community truly special.

This season of gratitude reminds us to pause and appreciate the beauty around us. From all of us at the Alice Ferguson Foundation, we wish you and yours a peaceful and joy-filled season to come.

Join us for Twilight Treats & Trails

Before winter settles in, join us for our final outdoor event of the year - Twilight Treats & Trails, November 15 & 16 at 5:30 PM. Take a guided evening walk through the wet meadow, then toast marshmallows by the fire. It's the sweetest way to wrap up a year full of outdoor adventures!

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

Become a Member of the Alice Ferguson Foundation + Upcoming Member Events

Celebrate a year of outdoor adventures - become a 2026 member of the Alice Ferguson Foundation! Choose from five membership tiers, each offering exclusive discounts and special access to visit our beautiful Hard Bargain Farm. It's the perfect place to spend unhurried time in the great outdoors and make unforgettable memories that last a lifetime.

Upcoming member events:

- Member Holiday Party - Sunday, December 14, 2025

All current members have received an invitation to our Annual Holiday Member Party.

- Save the Date: Member Meeting - Sunday, February 1, 2026

Scan the QR code above or visit fergusonfoundation.org/membership to join the AFF family and spend more time in nature with the people you love.

Spring Adventure Camp is Back - Register Today!

Why wait until summer for outdoor fun? Spring Adventure Camp is back for its second year, and we can't wait to welcome campers for a week filled with fresh air, discovery, and nature-inspired fun at Hard Bargain Farm!

From exploring trails and spotting wildlife to visiting the barnyard and getting creative with hands-on activities, campers will spend their spring break connecting with the wonders of the natural world across our beautiful 330-acre property.

Camp Details

- Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 3, 2026
- 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Pack 1: Ages 4-6, Pack 2: Ages 7-9, Pack 3: Ages 10-12
- \$325/camper

Campers must turn the minimum age of the camp week by March 1, 2026.

>>> [Learn more & Register for our Spring Adventure Camp here!](#) <<<

Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA)

The next general membership meeting of the Greater Accokeek Civic Association is on Wednesday, November 19– see the [agenda](#) here.

The meeting will focus on the [Accokeek Gateway Project](#) – which will recommend a variety of physical enhancements to the MD 210 and Livingston Road corridors to create a stronger sense of arrival and sense of place in the Accokeek community. The plan will also consider improvements to address transportation-related challenges, with an emphasis on pedestrian safety and connections between local destinations. The meeting is an opportunity for everyone in the greater Accokeek area to share their ideas and concerns about our central roadway corridors.