
Smoke Signals - September 2026

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**MOYAONE
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**

MOYAONE RESERVE @ PISCATAWAY PARK
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September 2026

President's Message

Happy September! We enjoyed our last few pool days and a great time together at the Labor Day Potluck. Now that the kids are back in school, we're heading into Fall — and there's a lot to look forward to, including Oktoberfest and the community Halloween party.

I'd like to ask neighbors to look around this Fall and think about what you can do for our community — it takes work, as we all know. A couple of examples come to mind: at every event, there are always a few people who show up early to set up and others who stay late to clean up. And this summer, a great group effort came together — neighbors with unwanted bamboo, plus Paola Carts' and Liz Gaudet's ingenuity — and now the base of the Tiki Bar is repaired.

This Fall is a great time to focus on our roads and what each resident can do to keep them in good shape: clear brush from the roadside, remove young trees, cut back overhanging branches, and clear wood debris at least 15 feet from the center of the road. Some neighbors have equipment that makes this easier — if you're one of them, consider reaching out to

help neighbors who may not be able to do this kind of work on their own. I would love to see a Before/After photo compilation.

We're also looking for more ideas on improving the neighborhood traffic flow — a couple I've already heard are choosing a Wednesday delivery day when ordering if you have a choice or updating road signage. What other ideas do you have? I'd be happy to hear from you.

We live in a community that helps each other and takes care of the land — let's keep working in partnership.

Your President,

Karen
president@moyaone.org

Upcoming Events

Sept 19-20 and 25-26

AAA and AFF Land As Muse: Art Exhibition and Sale

AFF Maryland 250 Historical Exhibit

September 19

AFF Lenore film premiere

September 20, starting noon

Moyaone Commons Workday, Halloween Party Planning, and Pizza oven on (details below)

September 26

AFF Celebration on the Potomac (details below)

September 27, 12-2pm

Botanical Table potluck (details below)

September 19

AFF and AAA plein air painting event

September 26

AFF and AAA sculpting demo

September 31, 730pm

Greater Accokeek Civic Association general membership meeting

@ Accokeek Volunteer Fire Hall, [16111 Livingston Road](#)

October 2, 1030am

AF Storytime

Continues on the first Friday every month!

October 4 and 18

AFF Moo-velous Milking Discoveries (details below)

October 9, 430-9pm

Moyaone Oktoberfest (details below)

October 16-18

AFF Women in Nature Camp (details below)

October 18

AAA Sip 'n Share Membership Meeting and art supply swap

October 24, 12-4pm

AF Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival (details below)

October 31, 1-3pm

[PG County Lynching Memorial Project is holding a community remembrance to honor Mr. John Henry Scott @Harmony Hall](#)

October 31, starting 4pm

Moyaone Community Halloween Party

November 7, 2-6pm

Lynn Hollyfield's Album Release House Party (details below)

Moyaone Roads... a Work in Progress

We are all going somewhere. And out here, our gravel roads are the quiet partners in our daily lives.

They carry us to work, to school, to friends and neighbors. And like all dependable partners, they need a little care... and a little understanding.

Gravel roads aren't static. They breathe with the weather and bend under the weight of traffic. Rain makes ruts, heat makes dust, and every tire—fast or slow—leaves its signature. So perfection? No, friends. That isn't on the map. But passable, safe, and steady—now that's a destination worth heading toward.

For years, we leaned almost entirely on the motor grader to smooth things out. Big machine, big job.

But it waits on fair weather and good timing. So today, our goal is simple: fix potholes quickly, with a little help from everyone. When a pothole shows up, we fill it. Right away. Rain, shine, frozen, or thawed. A stitch in time—saving nine and saving the road. The motor grader will still come through, just less often. That keeps the roadbed compact, saves fuel and gravel, and lets us tend trouble spots whenever they appear.

Fifteen miles of gravel... one grader... one operator... and a handful of volunteers. That's the cast of characters in our little drama. And with patience and teamwork, the story keeps moving forward.

Still, slopes and sharp turns test even the best intentions. Water races downhill like it has somewhere important to be, taking pieces of the road with it. And yes, a few stretches will always demand a little more of us—more gravel, more time, and more patience.

So we learn to live with gravel roads the way they are: imperfect, loyal, and always in need of a little help. Emergency vehicles can reach us—that's what matters most.

Slow driving helps. Courtesy helps more. Brush trimming, pothole filling, reporting trouble early—these small acts keep the road open.

Because in the end, these roads belong to all of us. This isn't a customer service arrangement—it's a community. A place where grabbing a shovel with your neighbor is just another way of saying hello.

So if you see something, say something. And when you can, do something.

Tom Garcia
roads@moyaone.org

September 20 Moyaone Work Day

Come one and all, there's something for everyone, and the Commons need help - projects include: splitting wood for pizza oven, weeding septic field, pushing the hedge row back beside the garden.

We'll celebrate with a pizza oven night, bring your own toppings - email Alex Naar for more information, alex@alexnaar.com

Save the Date: Moyaone's Oktoberfest is October 9

October is almost here so it's time to celebrate the Moyaone Oktoberfest!

Admission for adults is only \$45 and includes a full plate of authentic German food-- bratwurst (or German Frank), one serving of hot German potato salad, one serving of hot German sauerkraut, and a strudel!

- Children 12 and under are only \$15
- Pretzels and additional plates will be on sale separately
- Beer from the Moyaone Mashers

Get your tickets now:

<https://moyaone-association-fundraising-committee.square.site/>

Save the Date: 7th Annual Halloween Party on October 31

Our 7th Annual Halloween Party will be on the 31st, it takes a village to make a great experience for the kids; first and only planning meeting 9/20 at 2 pm; stay tuned for evite and party supplies needs. Karen@karenheys.com for more information.

Pulse of the Pool

Thank you for your patronage of the Moyaone Community Pool!

After Labor Day week, we will need to put the pool to bed for the season. We are looking for 20-30 volunteers for two (possibly three) September work parties. The first work party is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th at 9am, to complete important tasks including cleaning out the changing rooms, clearing off the deck, drain baby pool and cover, stack, stow, and cover all deck furniture, chemicals, equipment. The second work party to complete all closing tasks is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th at 9am. If you can come on those dates, or on Sundays or weekdays to assist with closing tasks, please reach out to Rhonda at rhondaccps@gmail.com or text Hsini at 240-383-9708.

We want YOU! If you have any suggestions, a special project, or areas in need of improvement, reach out to any Board or Pool Committee member to arrange a time to discuss. We are recruiting 2027 Pool Committee members, particularly, to manage Operations & HR (hiring and selection of seasonal staff, budget/payroll oversight, etc.), and the three Holiday Socials. The Pool Committee meets the third Monday each month at 6 p.m. between the months of February and October. If you are interested in volunteering at the September work parties or joining the 2027 Pool Committee, email pool@moyaone.org and let us know your area of interest.

Beyond Your Front Door

It has been a relatively quiet time for the Prince George's County Planning Commission given that there are several proposed developments for our area — Morton Farm project; Signature Club East project — that have not seemed to advance through the planning process. This is either good news, or simply a lull waiting for the other shoe to drop.

However, one project seems to be slowly advancing. This is the proposed land and zoning changes for Subregion 5, which includes Accokeek. The changes that were proposed for our area was a strip of land east of the Accokeek Public Library that went on for several blocks. The change would be to remove the zoning for the existing single family homes and make the area available for commercial and townhouse development. These changes were discussed at a June 9th meeting of the District Council (the County Council with a different hat) and members of the Prince George's Planning Commission.

A majority of the speakers — home owners and neighborhood advocates — were against the changes, while developers and lawyers representing them spoke in favor. The Moyaone Association were one of the groups objecting to the changes.

On September 1, the Prince George's Planning Commission, at its regular meeting, will have a work session to discuss the public comments from the June 9th joint District Council and Planning Commission meeting. Given the staff report on this topic, I don't see any real changes being made. But this issue will be a topic at a future Planning Commission meeting, and an opportunity to again voice opposition to changes in our area.

Michael Leventhal

Moyaone Commons Tiki Bar Restoration Project

Many of you may have noticed the tiki bar at the Moyaone Commons was starting to look a bit sad. The bamboo that decorated the exterior 3 sides of the structure was splitting and starting to fall out. Our dedicated Moyaone Association President Karen Heys put out an appeal for someone to take on the task of restoring the bamboo walls. My neighbor Liz and I responded to the call. Here's how the project went:

1. Send out an appeal on the Moyaone Neighbors WhatsApp group for volunteers and for bamboo.
2. Harvest bamboo. (Thank you to Jonathan/Valerie and Mike/Nora for letting us cull your forests!)
3. Meet up at the tiki bar with tools and bamboo.
4. Cut new bamboo to length and install.

Before the Labor Day picnic, Liz and I completed two faces of the tiki bar. We have plans to replace the front wall bamboo, too. We're thankful to John Hollyfield and the original designers of the tiki bar for the thoughtfulness that went into replacing the bamboo. It was super easy to do with reciprocating & pruning saws to cut bamboo to length and a drill to remove/install the retaining board.



This project was a great way to meet neighbors, to work in community, and to spruce up the Moyaone Commons. The time vested in the project was harvesting bamboo (I spent four hours stretched over several days. Liz collected bamboo, too.) and installing bamboo (Liz did most of the hard work, while I acted as assistant. We spent about 4 hours over two days.) I'm sure there are many more such simple projects that can be knocked out in a week at your convenience. Contact the board or committee chairs to see what's on the list.

Many hands make light work!

Paola Addamiano-Carts

New Forks at the Commons

A toast to the silver wares gifted by Sigrid Kagle to (y)our community's Commons! She's recently added dozens of fine forks to the fun fray.

Weaving their way through the forest to the Commons, o'er these neighborly gatherings decades ongoing, donors' metal forks, knives, & spoons have but one ask:

Please, ye hosts and hostesses, encourage all assembled, when done with the fun, put all the used flatware in the tub by the cookshack sink -
Kitchen elves are at hand to spirit it away,
returning it fast,
for friends and feasting,
the next Fest day!

K.E. Kent ;-)



In August, a dozen artists gathered for a fun **No Rules, Just Paint (and Sip!)** workshop. With tips and guidance from Daniel Wise, each artist created their own interpretation of a beautiful arrangement by floral designer, Patrick Heydt.



To celebrate Maryland at 250, AAA is collaborating with the Alice Ferguson Foundation for the **Land As Muse: Art Exhibition and Sale on Sept 19-20 and 25-26**. Come see works at the Cafritz Living Building on the theme “Land As Muse” at this juried show, which features 19 artists from the DMV. Also don’t miss the plein air painting event with wet hanging and awards on Saturday, Sept 19th, and a sculpting demo by Lona Powell on Saturday, Sept 26. See <http://accokeekartistsalliance.com/events/land-as-muse> for more details.

Looking ahead to October, we will hold a **Sip ‘n Share Membership Meeting** at the home of Amanda Truett and Frank Pipitone. Members can share their latest creations if they wish and also participate in an art supplies swap. See <https://www.accokeekartistsalliance.com/events/sip-n-share-oct-18> for more info.



Celebrate Maryland 250 with the Alice Ferguson Foundation

September is here, and Maryland 250: Land as Muse is just a few weeks away! Join your Moyaone neighbors at Hard Bargain Farm for a special series of art, history, film, and community celebrating the place we call home.

Land as Muse Art Exhibit & Sale - September 19-20 and 25-26

Explore Maryland-inspired works celebrating the landscapes and places around us, presented in partnership with the Accokeek Artists Alliance.

Lenore Film Premiere - September 19

See Lenore on the big screen, followed by a Q&A with Producer Susan

Gervasi.

Maryland 250 Historical Exhibit - September 19-20 and 25-26

Discover the people, stories, and history that have shaped this land along the Potomac. Free and open to the public.

Celebration on the Potomac - September 26

You may know it as **Pinot on the Potomac!** This year, the event is **Celebration on the Potomac**, showcasing art, history, locally sourced food, Maryland wines and craft beer, and our beautiful property.

Experience It All

Grab the \$250 bundle for access to the full Maryland 250 lineup, plus an invitation to An Evening with the Artists, an exclusive reception with participating artists on September 18.

[Learn more and purchase tickets today!](#)

Meet Moolan + Milk a Cow! — October 4 & 18

Moo-velous Milking Discoveries returns this fall! Meet Moolan, learn how our farm team cares for her, and get a hands-on introduction to the milking process, with the chance to milk a cow yourself!

Both sessions begin at 5 PM and last one hour. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$60 for a group of four, and children under 5 are free.

October 4 & 18 | Hard Bargain Farm

Use code FAMILY26 at checkout for the group discount.

[Buy tickets today!](#) **Space is limited.**

It's a wonderful way to spend time outdoors, and it makes a thoughtful gift or outing for someone special.

Women in Nature Camp is Back! — October 16–18

Our spring weekend was so much fun; we're doing it again! Women in Nature Camp returns October 16–18 for another weekend of fresh air, new experiences, and time to unwind at Hard Bargain Farm.

Spend the weekend exploring the outdoors, trying something new,

connecting with other women, and enjoying a little time away from the everyday hustle and bustle. Space is limited, so make plans to join us this fall!

[Learn more and reserve your spot here!](#)

Water Trough Needed

Our Facilities Team is currently seeking a 100-gallon water trough for use at Hard Bargain Farm. If you or someone you know has one in good condition that they would be willing to part with, please contact James Randles, Facilities and Land Manager, at jrandles@fergusonfoundation.org.



Upcoming Volunteering

Opportunities

The Accokeek Foundation offers unique opportunities for volunteers who want to be a part of preserving the cultural history, natural resources, and agriculture of Southern Maryland. Whether you just want to volunteer for the day, or are looking for a regular volunteer position, we have opportunities to fit all interests and skill levels. Below are some of the many ways you can get involved!

- Visitor Center Support
- Garden Support
- Shoreline Clean-ups
- Water Quality Monitoring
- SAV Monitoring
- And more...

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please visit accokeek.org or click the link below.

[Volunteer | Accokeek Foundation](#)

Monthly Storytime Program Beginning in October

Join the Accokeek Foundation on the first Friday each month at 10:30am for Storytime! Geared towards ages 0-5, we'll read, sing, dance, and practice our fine motor skills while learning about the park, history, and the world we share. The first session will be on Friday, October 2 at 10:30 am in the Education Center, and the theme is "Welcoming Fall." The Accokeek Foundation would love to have you and any little ones who'd like to join!

Save the Date: October 24 Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival

Save the date for the Accokeek Foundation's Indigenous Arts & Culture Festival. On Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 12:00PM to 4:00PM, the Accokeek Foundation is celebrating the vibrant arts and culture of Indigenous Peoples. This event honors the history, culture, and resiliency of Indigenous communities both near and far. The program will bring together neighbors, families, and partners for a day filled with music, dancing, arts, and cultural celebrations.



Please join us for the September plant-based Botanical Table potluck at the home of Amanda Truett and Frank Pipitone 3100 East Ridge Road

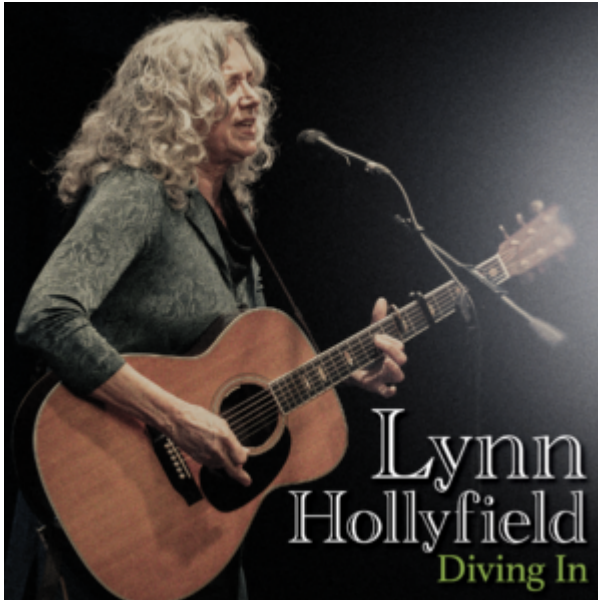
Sunday, September 27th 12-2pm

Kids and kin are welcome! No pets, please.

For more information or to join our list, contact us at _MoyaoneVEG@gmail.com

Lynn Hollyfield's Album Release House Party

Come help Mahshad and Michael celebrate our very own Lynn Hollyfield's latest album, "Diving In", at their home. Lynn Hollyfield, Singer-Songwriter has released her 4th album, Diving In, produced by Grammy Nominated Producer, Seth Glier. The album was recorded live in an old New England Church turned studio, a week before Christmas, 2025.



Diving In is being well received and in July was #9 on the Folk Alliance International Charts. We are the People, came in as the #2 song and Lynn as #11 for artist.

"In these busy days of August, **Lynn Hollyfield** released an album that came at the perfect time for me. Electronic music has been everywhere lately, and I needed something quieter to sit with. **"Diving In"** gave me exactly that, with gentle acoustic sounds, rich writing, and a voice that makes every song worth following. The album opens with the title track, Diving In. Her voice is rich, warm, and soulful, while the soft instrumentation gives her so much space. I really like how nothing sounds crowded. The production is clean and careful, but it still keeps the natural character of the performances."

yellowblackmusic.com/album-lynn-hollyfield-diving-in

Lynn will be accompanied by Dave Abe and Steve Wolf. Space is limited so reserve your spot by RSVPing [here](#) or by emailing: lynn@lynnhollyfield.com.

Home address will be sent to the RSVP list prior to the event.

More Upcoming Shows:

09/04 Friday, Joni Mitchell Tribute, JV's Restaurant, Falls Church, VA, 5-8PM

09/11 Friday, Annapolis Singer-Songwriter Festival, Blackwall Hitch Restaurant,

400 6th St, Annapolis, MD.

09/27 Takoma Park Folk Festival, Takoma Park Middle School, Takoma Park,
MD, Grove Stage 3PM